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TO: Chief, WH Division

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FROM: Chief of Station, Mexico City

SUBJECT: Technical Surveillance Soviet/Satellite Agents

ACTION REQUIRED · REFERENCES

HMMW-10893

1. Station fully agrees with Headquarters concerning the value of concentrating LIFEAT or LIENVOY coverage on suspected and/or known Soviet, Satellite and Cuban agents residing in Mexico City. The Station in the past has undertaken this type coverage and will continue such coverage in the future as LIFEAT and LIENVOY facilities become available for assignment to these targets. As Headquarters is aware, this Station can and will cover any possible target Headquarters considers of high enough priority to cover.

2. For example, Carmen BRUFAU Civit was covered for 1956, 1957, 1960 and 1961; the results were not considered of sufficient value to continue the coverage.

3. Presently, Elena VASQUEZ Gomez, one of the persons referred to in reference, works for General Lazaro CARDENAS del Rio, pro-Communist former President of Mexico. Coverage of CARDENAS by LIENVOY means a certain amount of coverage of VASQUEZ Gomez.

Willard C. Curtis

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TO: Chief of Station, Mexico City

INFO:

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SUBJECT: LIFEAT Project Renewal

ACTION REQUIRED · REFERENCES

ACTION REQUIRED: For Your Information

REFERENCE : HMMA-19129, 1 June 1962

1. Project LIFEAT has been renewed for the period of 1 July 1962 through 30 June 1963 in the amount of $99,000.00.

2. Please note that this means a cut of $3,193.00 from the Station's original request for $102,193.00 to $99,000.00. WHD was allocated $99,000.00 for this Project for FY 63.

3. This reduction was made by reducing "Miscellaneous Op Expenses" from $4,000.00 to $807.00.

4. KUTUBE and KUDESK Staffs concurred in recommending renewal. KUDESK reiterated that the facilities of this Project could and should be used for the coverage of known or highly suspected agents of the Soviet/Satellite and Cuban intelligence services in Mexico. KUDESK notes that some twenty of these agents have been documented in detailed target studies which were forwarded to the Station.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Deputy Director, Plans

SUBJECT : Project LIFEAT (Renewal)

WH - Mexico City

1. The attached project, originating in WH Division, is presented for renewal for the period 1 July 1962 through 30 June 1963. The project supports a unilateral telephone tap operation which provides daily information on the activities of official foreign installations in Mexico City and personnel thereof, as well as coverage of the activities of selected individuals and groups.

2. Authority is requested to obligate $[illegible],000 from the DD/P-WH Division budget in fiscal year 1963, subject to the availability of funds. Of this amount $1[illegible],[illegible] is estimated for administrative salaries; $43,41[illegible] for field agent salaries; $20,92[illegible] for basehouse rentals; $1[illegible],000 for equipment; $2,100 for local transportation; and $[illegible] for miscellaneous operational expenses.

3. The Field Project Outline and review which are forwarded by the Division with a covering memorandum, give a clear description of the project activity and accomplishments. The project has been in continuous operation since 19[illegible], starting with a single tap against the Soviet Legation in Mexico City and now covering as many as thirty lines in a given month. The project is staffed by an "outside" case officer (Career Agent David M. WILSTED (p) of Project LI[illegible]), four contract agents who do administrative work, and twenty-one field agents including monitors and linesmen. During the past year the project provided coverage of the home phones of three Soviet Intelligence officers, the Polish Embassy, the Yugoslav Embassy, major firms dealing in the transshipment of U.S. goods to Cuba, American Communists in Mexico, and exile and revolutionary groups in Mexico. CI information was obtained and additional security was provided Station operations. Although coverage of the official Soviet and Czech installations became a joint operation with the Mexican Government in LIENVOY, Project LIFEAT remains available to resume coverage of these installations should a change in the local government or its attitude to CIA participation necessitate such change.

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For the future, the Station has hopes of employing LIFEAT assets in "hot mike" operations which will require access to telephone centrals and cables. It is the opinion of the Station that the support provided the Station operations, the CI/OE information, and the ability to cover sensitive targets without revealing our interest to liaison services justifies the expenditure of funds, time, and personnel under this project. The overall performance of all agents in the complex continued to be good; no security problems were encountered which were not solved by the personnel involved.

4. Appropriate Special Staff components recommend renewal. The FI Staff notes that the project continues to be a most useful operational asset of the Station and in addition has produced thirty-seven positive intelligence disseminations, six of which were of particular interest concerning the illegal transshipment of goods to Cuba. FI/D comments that one item of direct interest to FI/D was received from Project LIFEAT and that the technical coverage of the diplomatic installations would afford valuable assistance to the planning and conduct of any FI/D endeavor to mount operations. The CI Staff reiterates that the facilities of this project could and should be used for the coverage of known or highly suspected agents of the Soviet/Satellite/and Cuban intelligence services in Mexico. CI notes that some twenty of these agents have been documented in detailed target studies which were forwarded to the Station.

5. I recommend renewal of Project LIFEAT and invite the Division's attention to the recommendations of CI Staff in paragraph 4 above.

L. M. HI[illegible]
Chief, LSP/PG

Approved: ________________ 27 July 62
Signature / date

Attachments:
Project Outline LIFEAT
FI Memoranda

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Deputy Director (Plans)

THROUGH: DDP/PG

SUBJECT: Project LIFEAT Renewal

FI Staff recommends renewal of Project LIFEAT. This unilateral audio effort continues to be a most useful operational asset of the station as indicated by the specific examples furnished in the renewal request. In addition, it produced 37 positive intelligence disseminations, six of which were of particular interest concerning illegal transhipment of U.S. goods to Cuba.

J. LLOYD GEORGE
Chief
Foreign Intelligence

Attachment
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9 July 1962

Project LIFEAT WH/Mexico

(Audio Operation)

1. FI/INT files contain 37 positive information disseminations attributed wholly or in part to Project LIFEAT during the year 1 July 1961 through June 1962. They were concerned principally with contacts between Mexican Communists or leftists and Cubans or individuals of the Soviet Bloc, and with the travel of Latin Americans to the Soviet Bloc and Cuba. Six reports of particular interest consisted of information on Transcontinental S.A., a company allegedly engaged in the illegal transshipment of US goods to Cuba. Other reports of significance dealt with the contacts and activities of former Guatemalan President Juan Jose AREVALO Barmeja, now living in Mexico. There was reporting on Nicaraguan and Spanish exile activity in Mexico and on the revolutionary sentiment and expectations of other Latin American nationals.

2. LIFEAT has provided positive intelligence of value and of relevance to customer requirements and to objectives of the PNIO. It has been pointed out in the renewal request that the production of positive information is incidental to the projects primary function as a support and CI/CE operation.

3. RENEWAL IS RECOMMENDED.

Hayden Estey
HAYDEN ESTEY
Chief, FI/INT/RE

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GROUP 1
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Cryptonym	Division	Place
LIFEAT	WH	Mexico City

Type of Project

Provides Mexico City Station with a unilateral telephone tap operation which has been in existence for 11 years.

Case Officer	Ext.	Room & Bldg
Lee G. Norris	5940	3 B 0003 Hq

Project Information

New		x Renewal (Check type of)	
Amendment	Extension	Project Period	
		From	To
		1 July 1962	30 June 1963

Comments and Recommendations

KUDESK/ICG concurs in the recommendation that the LIFEAT Project renewal request be approved.

Date of Evaluation	Signature of CI/ICC Reviewing Officer	Signature of Chief, CI/ICC
13 July 1962		

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PROJECT ACTION	PROJECT CRYPTONYM: LIFEAT

TYPE OF ACTION			X	FI/CI		CA
	NEW PROJECT APPROVAL	DIVISION: WH Division				
	AMENDMENT NO	FIELD STATION: Mexico City				
X	RENEWAL FY 1963	BRANCH: WH/3		DESK: Mexico		
	EXTENSION	CASE OFFICER: Lee G. Norris				
	TERMINATION	ROOM NO: 3 B 0003	BUILDING: Hq		EXTENSION: 5940	

CONCURRENCES OF DIVISION

ORGANIZATIONAL ELEMENT	TYPED NAME (And signature)	DATE	COPY NO.	MEMORANDUM ATTACHED YES	NO	DATE
CWH/3/Mexico	John M. Whitten					
CWH/3	Ned P. Holman	19 JUN 1962				
WH/B&F	Robert D. Carter	21 JUN 1962				
WH/PO/A	Clark V. Simmons by [signature]	26 June 1962				
C/WHD for	J. C. King [signature]	26 June 1962				

CONCURRENCES OF OTHER COMPONENTS

APPROVAL

PERIOD FROM	TO	TOTAL AMOUNT	FY	AMOUNT
1 July 1962	30 June 1963	$ 99,000.00	1963	$ 99,000.00

APPROVING AUTHORITY	SIGNATURE	DATE
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19 June 1963

LIFEAT Project Renewal Request

1. It is requested that the attached LIFEAT Renewal Request be approved for the period of 1 July 1962 through 30 June 1963 in the amount of $99,000.00, all of which falls within FY 1963. $99,000.00 was programmed for FY 1963 in the WHD allocation.

2. This Project provides the Mexico City Station with a unilateral telephone tap operation which has been in existence for the past 11 years.

3. While the primary object of this Project is not the production of positive intelligence, it was in whole or in part the source of 30 positive information disseminations. In addition to this production and support of other Station operations, it provides ODENVY with information concerning the American Communist Group in Mexico.

4. Emergency recontact instructions have not been established for the agents of this Project since it is believed the operation would cease in case a situation should arise where they would be applicable.

5. No training programs for any LIFEAT personnel are anticipated during the renewal period.

6. WH Division recommends renewal of the LIFEAT Project based on the attached field request. WH Division has cut the field request from $102,193.00 to $99,000.00.

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PROJECT REVIEW AND PROJECT OUTLINE (PARTS I AND II)

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PROJECT LIFEAT

PROJECT REVIEW

I. Product of the Project

A. Soviet Coverage

As noted in last year's Project LIFEAT renewal request, LIFEAT coverage of the official Soviet installation was discontinued on 22 June 1960 when the parallel liaison project LIENVOY assumed coverage of this target. In early January 1962 LIFEAT undertook coverage of the home phones of three of the most active Soviet Intelligence officers. This was in response to the continuing Station CI program which includes the monitoring of Soviet contacts, and the guidance received from KUDESK Staff at the time of the last LIFEAT renewal. As of this date, this coverage has not been active for sufficient time to fully evaluate its usefulness. However, it is believed that such coverage has the potential to add materially to the Station's effort in the CI field. Although not designed to provide positive intelligence, some by-product of this type has been obtained. Samples are as follows:

HMM-6364, 8 May 1962 (Briefing of Mexican Pro-Marxist Journalist by Soviet Embassy)
HMM-6382, 15 May 1962 (Mexican Traveller to the USSR)
HMM-6376, 11 May 1962 (Refutation of Rumors that Soviet Cosmonaut TITOV will visit Mexico)

B. Polish Embassy

LIFEAT has remained the primary source of information on this target and the only successful, continuing penetration of the target. The information provided to the interested Case Officer has in the past been described as "unique" and "invaluable". This description holds with equal emphasis for the present as well as the past. Selective examples of the valuable positive intelligence product of this coverage are:

HMMA-17448, 28 July 1961 (Henryk POTASZ)
HMMA-17647, (LIFEAT/LAURICLE), 25 August 1961
HMMA-17694, 1 September 1961 (Irena Halina ZORAWSKA)
HMMA-17876, 29 September 1961 (Movement of Polish Nationals)

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HMMA-18058, 27 October 1961 (Satellite Trade in Mexico)
HMMA-18074, 31 October 1961 (Activities of Polish Embassies in Mexico and Brazil)
HMMA-18913, 27 April 1962 (RYBAT/Eugenlusz SKOTNICKI)
HMMA-18915, 27 April 1962 (RYBAT/Eugenlusz SKOTNICKI)
HMM-5743, 7 July 1961 (Possible Purchase of Ships from Poland)
HMM-5894, 14 September 1961 (Trade Between Mexico and Poland)
HMM-5921, 26 September 1961 (Polish Plans to Buy Zinc from Mexico)

C. Cuban Coverage

LIFEAT was able to provide coverage of major firms dealing in U.S. goods transshipment via Mexico to Cuba. This technical operation not only provided initial leads which alerted the Station to these companies, but also was able to provide continuing information on the daily activities of the companies involved. Coverage of certain Cuban personages arranging for illegal transshipment of U.S. goods to Cuba was also provided including their contacts and general activities. Samples of the positive intelligence production from this Cuban commercial coverage are as follows:

HMMA-18073, 31 October 1961 (Ruben SAUREZ Y Alvarez, Representative in Mexico of the Cuban Bank of Foreign Commerce)
HMMA-18538, 2 February 1962 (Cuban Commercial Activities)
HMM-5883, 26 September 1961 (Cuban Commercial Activities)
HMM-5915, 22 September 1961 (Transcontinental, S.A.)
HMM-6012, 14 November 1961 (Mexican Firm Shipping U.S. Goods to Cuba)
HMM-6220, 27 February 1962 (Lorenzo L. SAUNDERS, Vice President of Transcontinental, S.A.)

D. American Communists in Mexico

As in the past, most of the targets in this group have been covered at the request of ODENVY, and the raw take has been partially processed by them. During the period July 1961 through May 1962, approximately 680 reels of take were passed to local ODENVY for their processing. The most valuable information gleaned from the targets in this field continues to deal with contacts, travel, and general activities of the American Communist Group in Mexico (ACGM).

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Typical examples of the reporting based on LIFEAT coverage of the ACGM are:

HMMA-17318, 3 July 1961 (Albert MALTZ)
HMMA-17388, 14 July 1961 (Enos Regnet WICHER, Maria WICHER)
HMMA-17389, 14 July 1961 (Carl SEBORER)
HMMA-17419, 21 July 1961 (Clarina OVERGAARD, Anders OVERGAARD)
HMMA-17455, 25 July 1961 (Dalton TRUMBO, Cleo TRUMBO)
HMMA-17611, 18 August 1961 (Noah SEBORER/Albert MALTZ/ Charles SMALL)
HMMA-17760, 12 September 1961 (Maurice ZEITLIN)
HMMA-17806, 19 September 1961 (Albert MALTZ)
HMMA-17855, 26 September 1961 (U.S. Citizens Travel to Cuba)
HMMA-17860, 29 September 1961 (Albert MALTZ)
HMMA-18097, 3 November 1961 (Charles SMALL)
HMMA-18492, 23 January 1962 (Albert MALTZ/Noah SEBORER/ Charles SMALL)
HMMA-18827, 10 April 1962 (Albert MALTZ/Noah SEBORER/ Charles SMALL)

E. Exile and Revolutionary Activities

LIFEAT continues to provide information on the exile and revolutionary groups active in Mexico, which information is of the greatest value to the Station and not available from other sources. The emphasis of the LIFEAT effort in this area has been directed toward coverage of Nicaraguan, Guatemalan, and more recently Spanish Republican exiles. The product has been most rewarding in this coverage. Examples of productivity in this past project year:

HMMA-17489, 4 August 1961 (Alejandro GALINDO)
HMMA-18420, 5 January 1962 (Teodora MARTEN Rodriguez)
HMMA-18468, 16 January 1962 (Travel of Salvadorans to Cuba)
HMM-5920, 26 September 1961 (Activities of Nicaraguan Exiles in Mexico)
HMM-6142, 18 January 1962 (Plans of Guatemalan Army Officers to Attempt Coup)
HMM-6191, 17 February 1962 (Guatemalan Revolutionary Activity)
HMM-6230, 2 March 1962 (Contacts of Juan Jose AREVALO Bermejo in Mexico City)
HMM-6292, 2 April 1962 (Return to El Salvador of Colonel Oscar OSORIO)
HMM-6311, 13 April 1962 (Contacts of Juan Jose AREVALO Bermejo)

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HMM-6344, 1 May 1962 (Activities of Spanish Republicans in Exile)
HMM-6349, 4 May 1962 (Views of Juan Jose AREVALO on Peruvian
Presidential Candidate)
HMM-6359, 4 May 1962 (Contact Between Claudio SANCHEZ de
Albornoz, President of the Council of Spanish Republic, and
Juan Simeon VIDARTE, Spanish Exile in Mexico)
HMM-6379, 11 May 1962 (Opinion of Spanish Republican Exiles on
Current Strikes in Spain)

F. Counter-Intelligence Information

By its latest Related Mission Directive, Mexico City Station's major responsibilities continue to lie in the field of CI/CE matters. LIFEAT was able to provide a valuable contribution in the attainment of the Station's objectives in this field. Coverage included that on Carlos Humberto ILLESCAS, who is acting in a covert liaison capacity between the CP and the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City. Besides the continuing operational support in the CI/CE field, the following informational reporting was provided:

HMM-5742, 7 July 1961 (Travel of Mexican Leftists Behind Iron
Curtain)
HMM-5836, 18 August 1961 (Activities of Mexican Student of the
University of Peoples' Friendship)
HMM-5977, 24 October 1961 (Interview of Prominent Marxist with
Polish Conselor)
HMM-6322, 20 April 1962 (Contacts between Carlos FUENTES Macias,
Mexican Communist Writer, and Polish Diplomats)
HMM-6337, 27 April 1962 (Activities of Ernesto AYALA Mercado,
Bolivian Ambassador to Mexico)
HMM-6377, 11 May 1962 (Scholarship for Study in Warsaw to Jorge
TAMAYO, Jr., Mexican Marxist Intellectual)

G. Operational Support and Leads Provided other Station Operations

During the past project year LIFEAT continued actively supporting Mexico City Station through production of leads unobtainable through other assets and generally providing other Station operations the secure support only available through a unilateral telephone tap operation. The following is a selected list, together with a brief description, of major contributions of operational support and leads provided through LIFEAT:

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LIFEAT/Cuban: The most noteworthy LIFEAT contribution to Station efforts in the Cuban operations field was that of providing leads pinpointing the activities of Transcontinental, S.A. in the illegal transshipment of U.S. materials to Cuba via Mexico. LIFEAT was able to continue coverage of the activities of this company despite the efforts of the company to lose itself in the Mexican business community by changing the name it operated under to Inversiones Mexicanas, S.A. and changing its location and telephone number. Valuable information on the commercial commodities needed by the Castro regime, methods and contacts used in their procurement, and information on the contacts of the Cuban Embassy in Mexico were obtained.

LIFEAT/Czechoslovakian: LIFEAT coverage of the home phones of two Czech intelligence officers provided some leads to their contacts, but more importantly, provided greater security to KUBARK when one of their CIS officers, Miloslav CECH, was singled out for a defection attempt. Through LIFEAT "livemonitoring" of both the original and followup defection attempts, the KUBARK assets were provided maximum protection from possible attempts by CECH to alert his coworkers or arrange entrapment of the KUBARK personnel involved.

LIFEAT/Polish: Probably the most "classic" example of the use of a telephone tap in providing a lead which could develop into a vital penetration of the Polish intelligence occurred recently in the BEKNAVE/BECHICK operation. LIFEAT provided the initial leads which made the Station aware of the possibilities of an operation and has continued to provide vital information for Station's development of the operation. It is the Station's opinion that this one instance of service by LIFEAT was well worth the cost of the entire project for the year. (Full information forwarded in MEXI 0462 and MEXI 0463). Also of great interest to the Station were the LIFEAT provided leads which revealed Jan SLUSARZ, Attache of the Polish Embassy in Mexico, had purchased an automobile which had been stolen in the U.S. and driven to Mexico. In this operation, in which a defection attempt was considered, LIFEAT provided not only the initial leads, but also daily operational information vital to the Station's efforts in this case.

LIFEAT/Yugoslavian: In this coverage of the Yugoslavian Embassy LIFEAT is providing the basic data necessary in establishing operations against this target. Since the Station is expanding its coverage of Yugoslavian activities, much vital data on personalities, contacts, and services obtained by the target establishment must be provided. It is this exact type of coverage that LIFEAT is geared to provide in addition to the operational leads which will be forthcoming as this coverage progresses. The interested case officer, noting LIFEAT is his only present source of information, feels the take which LIFEAT provides and will

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continue to provide in this area is vital and basic to the mounting of any operations against the Yugoslav target.

LIFEAT/Soviet/Double Agent: LIFEAT support has provided needed supporting information in backing Station double agent operations. In this area the success of the operation is obviously dependent upon the veracity of the agent. LIFEAT provides information which enables the interested case officer to determine the veracity of the agent involved. LIFEAT also provides a needed check upon the activities of the double agent.

LIFEAT/Spanish Republican: LIFEAT coverage of Spanish Republican exiles in Mexico City have enabled the Station to monitor the activities of the various groupings of the exiles, including the projected attempt on the life of the senior ODACID official in Mexico. LIFEAT has covered personalities of exile factions both involved in planning this attempt and those opposed to it. Coverage of targets in this area also enables the Station to keep abreast of the plans and activities of the various groups which make up the Spanish Republican exile community in Mexico City.

LIFEAT/CI-CE Coverage: LIFEAT leads in this area are exploited in the reporting of travel of important Communists, particularly to Cuba and Iron Curtain countries, and the travel of U.S. citizens, especially Communists and Leftists, to Cuba. Through coverage of the American Communist Group in Mexico (ACGM) LIFEAT has provided ODENVY with an increasing amount of information on the leftist activities of relatives and friends of the ACGM who reside in the U.S. One of the noteable items in this regard is providing data on the overt and covert efforts of the blacklisted "Hollywood Ten" to regain their former status in the U.S. film industry.

Finally, and certainly not of least importance, Station security has been enhanced through LIFEAT periodic coverage of former Station assets, like LIVESTOCK-1 and LIVESTOCK-2, who could be a danger to particular Station operations or personnel. Monitoring of certain terminated agents is considered especially valuable where these agents were involved in the more sensitive operations.

H. Conclusion

It is the opinion of the Mexico City Station that the support provided other Station operations, the CI/CE information and leads, and the ability of the unilateral LIFEAT operation to cover sensitive targets without revealing Station interest

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to the liaison forces, well justify the expenditure of funds, time, personnel, and security risk. As it has been noted in the past, that even with the Station's envolvement in the parallel, but liaison, LIENVOY operation, a change in attitude by the present local government administration or a change in government administrations could end KUBARK participation in that liaison project. For that reason, LIFEAT, in addition to maintaining its present heavy coverage, must be available to once again undertake coverage of the official Soviet and Czech official targets in Mexico City. Therefore, LIFEAT's present orientation, though toward supporting Station operations and CI/CE mission rather than toward targets which would provide positive intelligence, leaves it readily available for recall into the Soviet-Czech coverage. It is the Station's firm opinion that the LIFEAT project provides a substantial and vital contribution in fulfilling the several priority objectives of the Station's Related Mission Directive.

I. There is attached a list of the HMMs produced from LIFEAT provided material during the period July 1961 through May 1962 as a by-product of the project's prime responsibility of providing support to Station operations.

II. Progress of the Operation

The objectives of the LIFEAT Project are of a continuing nature and are therefore not considered for fulfillment during any given period of time. For this reason percentage figures as to completion of project objectives cannot be drawn. However, an indication of the coverage provided in working toward fulfillment of the objectives can be noted in that 14,000 pages of raw text were produced in the period July 1961 through May 1962. LIFEAT has been in daily operation during the review period with the average number of lines covered per month being 20, with a high in March 1962 of 28 lines covered.

III. Planning for the Future

As was indicated at the time of the last project renewal, LIFEAT hopes to remain uncommitted to coverages that require the expenditure of a great portion of LIFEAT resources but provide coverage of but one target...such as Soviet Embassy coverage. It is added emphatically, however, that should the need arise for LIFEAT to again assume such responsibilities, it is fully able to do so. Until such time LIFEAT will continue to enjoy greater flexibility in the employment of its assets, especially in the areas in which the Station does not wish to reveal its interest or operations to the liaison forces involved in the LIENVOY operation.

As to particular areas of operations, the Station has hopes of employing LIFEAT assets in "hot mike operations which require access to telephone

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centrals and cables. The feasibility of using LIFEAT in this type of operation has already been proven, in a recent operation with the LIERODE installation as a target. Seven reels of "hot mike" take were obtained in test runs on checking both the operation (including installation of the "miked" instrument in the office of the head of the LIERODE official installation) and the equipment which was of radical design and conceived and built by the KURIOT technician assigned to Mexico City Station under deep cover. Unfortunately, before continuous operation could get underway, the LIERODE installation decided upon complete renovation of its telephone system, including the installation of a switchboard. This, at least temporarily, precludes further operation against this particular target, unless a direct line is installed there. However, it is the intention of the Station to attempt coverage of other targets of interest. In these plans LIFEAT plays the key role in installation, line and series cross maintenance, basehouse procurement and maintenance, and processing of take. From the brief test runs via the LIERODE operation noted above, it is believed that "hot mike" operations, supported and maintained by LIFEAT, can greatly aid the Station in its coverage of responsibilities under its present Related Mission Directive.

IV. Performance of Agents

The overall performance of all agents employed in the LIFEAT complex continued to be good during the period of the project review, with security being stressed in all phases of the operation. No security problems were encountered which were not solved by the personnel involved. Since the success of the LIFEAT operation depends largely upon the security of its personnel, Headquarters clearances and evaluation of new personnel will continue to be sought on those new additions who pass a strict field assessment.

V. Expenditures

Approval for renewal of Project LIFEAT was granted 8 September 1961 for FY 1962 in the amount of $98,973.00. The proposed budget for FY 1963 is broken down in the attached Field Project Outline Renewal Request, Part II, and totals ~~$102,168.00.~~ ~~98,993.00~~ 94,000.00

VI. Status of Commitments

There are no commitments other than those noted in the project outline submitted herewith and in the individuals contracts and oral agreements (memoranda of oral agreements were forwarded as necessary) of the various LIFEAT personnel.

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Even now with the shift of operational emphasis to Station operations support, it is thought significant to include a list of HMM's produced through April 1962 (10 months of the project year) as a by-product in the LIFEAT operation.

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PROJECT LIFEAT

PROJECT OUTLINE, PART I

1. Area of Operations

This operation is run from Mexico City Station and is concerned with targets located within Mexico City.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this project is to provide, unilaterally, daily information on the activities of official foreign installations in Mexico and the personnel thereof, as well as coverage of the activities of selected individuals and groups in response to both Station needs and Headquarters requests. Presently, LIFEAT stresses flexibility of coverage with support of Station operations and CI/CE coverage receiving the greatest emphasis.

3. Background

Project LIFEAT was originated on 3 October 1950 as a unilateral telephone tap operation. Actual initiation of operations under this authority occurred on 18 January 1951, and the operation has run continuously from that date. The project was opened with the installation of a single tap and has grown in the past eleven years to coverage of as many as thirty lines in a given month.

The LIFEAT Project is a unilateral operation completely independent from any liaison arrangement. It is staffed by KUBARK contract employees with the majority of personnel being indigenous controlled agents.

During the past eleven years, Project LIFEAT has produced more than 83,500 (estimate) pages of operational and intelligence information in direct support of Mexico City Station's specific objectives, and contributed materially to the intelligence gathering activities connected with the Soviet-Satellite Bloc and more recently with the Cuban representatives in Mexico. In addition, LIFEAT has been of considerable value in monitoring the activities of the American Communist Group in Mexico (ACGM), as well as the activities of the exile groups and local Communists.

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With the LIENVOY's assumption of coverage of the Soviet and Czechoslovakian official installations in July 1960, LIFEAT assets were released from continuous coverage of these two targets. These assets were then employed in direct support of Station operations--a role ideally suited for a unilateral operation such as LIFEAT, and extremely important to the security and success of Station operations. LIFEAT, after spending much of Project Year 1961 - 1962 programing to this new role and redirecting its assets, has now adjusted to this role and is fully employed in this vital assignment.

4. References

a. HMMA-17199, 12 June 1961 (LIFEAT Renewal Request for FY 1962)
b. HMMW-10085, 14 September 1961 (Approval of LIFEAT Renewal for FY 1962)

5. Objectives

a. To identify Soviet and satellite intelligence personnel in Mexico and to provide information on the nature and extent of their clandestine intelligence and propaganda activities in Mexico.

b. To collect information of the Satellite officials both as to their activities as well as information of biographic nature.

c. To support specific Station operations, especially in the recruitment, defection, Communist Party penetration and counter-intelligence fields.

d. To collect information on prominent Mexican Communists and pro-Communists and their activities.

e. To collect information on prominent Communists, other than Mexican, active in Mexico, and to identify them and their associates and activities.

f. To collect information on exile groups and individuals active in Mexico.

g. To provide coverage of targets of opportunity in Mexico City in support of Station objectives and Headquarters' requests.

6. Targets

For objectives a and b:

a. Selected Soviet intelligence officers home phones.

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b. Selected Satellite officials office and home phones.

c. Selected private phones being used by known and suspected Satellite intelligence personnel.

For objective c:

d. Selected telephones as requested by Station Case Officers in support of their going and/or projected operations.

For objective d:

e. Telephone conversations from residences of senior Communists and pro-Communists.

For objective e:

f. Telephone conversations from residences of known American Communists residing in Mexico City.

For objective f:

g. Telephone conversations from the residences or offices of prominent exile leaders or their contacts in Mexico City.

For objective g:

h. Telephone conversations which can be monitored from targets of opportunity.

7. Tasks

Case Officer - Jeremy L. NIARCOS

a. Supervise the operational and administrative activities of all LIFEAT personnel.

b. Maintain awareness of and provide direction in all matters pertaining to the operational management of the LIFEAT Project.

c. Provide guidance and day-to-day supervision of special operational phases of LIFEAT coverages.

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d. Coordinate information received from the LIFEAT coverage with other Station operations, and coordinate as necessary with the Station personnel responsible for the parallel LIENVOY operation.

e. Maintain LIFEAT capabilities for mounting operations against targets of opportunity.

f. Maintain supervision over basehouses, equipment, and training of personnel assigned to the LIFEAT operations.

8. Coordination

a. Information produced by LIFEAT, primarily a Station operational support asset, is closely coordinated with other operations of the Mexico City Station. No operational coordination is required with any other geographical area, but they are advised of any information produced by LIFEAT which may be of interest to them.

b. Project LINOG which supports the principal "outside" Case Officer, David M. WILSTED, is effected in coordination with Project LIFEAT.

c. Coordination with the parallel, but liaison project - LIENVOY, is closely coordinated between the responsible Case Officers of both projects, particularly relating to the division of coverage between the two operations, thereby assuring that the unilateral LIFEAT operation will not be endangered by the indigenous personnel of the LIENVOY operation.

9. Personnel

a. Career and Contract Agents

(1) David M. WILSTED (201-009195), principal "outside" Case Officer.
(2) Wayne C. DRABAND (201-255095), outside assistant to David M. WILSTED. DRABAND was introduced into the LIFEAT operation in November 1961 as a replacement for Ralph B. RAFANELLI who was transferred from Mexico PCS in the fall of 1961. His OA was amended 14 November 1961 to cover his use in the LIFEAT Project. Although DRABAND possessed only limited knowledge of clandestine activity when first employed, under WILSTED's instruction and Case Officer guidance, plus his own willingness and capacity for work, it appears he will prove a valuable addition to the LIFEAT complex.

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(3) LIEMBRACE-8 (201-111616) has been introduced to the LIFEAT operation as a standby technician backup to WILSTED, but will be actively employed in the operation only in the event of WILSTED's prolonged absence or incapacity. If and when such action is necessary, LIEMBRACE will then be carried under Project LIFEAT. LIEMBRACE-8's OA was amended to reflect this assignment on 7 April 1962.

(4) Carol K. ZINSMEISTER (201-117968), LIFEAT processor/translator and former basehousekeeper who can be temporarily reassigned basehousekeeping duties.

(5) Olga A. PARFINIK (201-117978), LIFEAT processor/translator. OA for LIFEAT employment dated 28 September 1954.

b. Field Agents

(1) LIFEUD-1, OA granted 17 October 1950 (201-182704)
(2) LIFEUD-2, OA granted 14 August 1951 (201-117971)
(3) LIFEUD-3, OA granted 14 December 1953 (201-117971)
(4) LIFEUD-4, OA granted 1 October 1953 (201-117743)
(5) LIFEUD-5, OA granted 16 December 1953 (201-117744)
(6) LIFEUD-6, OA granted 28 September 1954 (201-117978)
(7) LIFEUD-7, OA granted 21 October 1954 (201-117980)
(8) LIFEUD-8, OA granted 31 March 1955 (201-119521)
(9) LIFEUD-9, OA granted 27 April 1956 (201-117984)
(10) LIFEUD-10, OA granted 13 September 1956 (201-114085)
(11) LIFEUD-11, OA granted 21 August 1956 (201-113595)
(12) LIFEUD-12, OA granted 6 August 1956 (201-113569)
(13) LIFEUD-13, OA granted 13 September 1956 (201-115833)
(14) LIFEUD-14, OA granted 26 September 1956 (201-117972)
(15) LIFEUD-15, OA granted 19 January 1957 (201-126315)
(16) LIFEUD-16, OA granted 2 July 1958 (201-222786)
(17) LIFEUD-17, OA granted 13 August 1956 (201-114086)
(18) LIFEUD-18, OA granted 2 October 1957 (201-185370)
(19) LIFEUD-19, OA granted 18 May 1960 (201-262488)
(20) LIFEUD-22, (formerly LILILLY-1), amendment of OA requested 24 April 1962 (201-288248)
(21) LIFEUD-23, (formerly LILILLY-2), amendment of OA requested 24 April 1962, (201-305604)

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c. During the past project year the following personnel were dropped from Project LIFEAT:

(1) Ralph B. RAFANELLI (201-176295), staff agent, was reassigned PCS after completing his second tour in Mexico on 8 October 1961.

(2) Olivia N. GLADMON (201-117751), LIFEAT processor, has given notice that due to her planned return to the United States for necessary eye surgery during June 1962, her employment with LIFEAT must be terminated. Agent quit-claim and secrecy agreement have been executed.

(3) Leona C. GANDARA (201-225710), employed by LIFEAT only for standby support during the past year and one half, now is employed for support and clerical work for MKCHARITY.

(4) LIFEUD-20, (formerly LIMITATION-5), (201-102308), and LIFEUD-21, formerly LIMITATION-6 (201-117981) will be terminated as of the end of the present LIFEAT project year (30 June 1962). Plans for use of this couple as basehousekeepers were cancelled when LIFEUD-22 and LIFEUD-23, who are more desirable choices, became available for LIFEAT use. Termination has been discussed fully with these indigenous agents, and termination arrangements were accomplished on a friendly and mutually agreeable basis (as in all LIFEAT terminations, separation is made on the basis of Mexican custom and/or law).

10. Operational Clearances

See Section 9 above.

11. Cover

There are no changes in the cover of personnel who have been previously employed in the LIFEAT operation. With the new agents employed since the last project renewal, cover is as follows:

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a. Wayne C. DRABAND has natural cover of a retired U.S. civil servant presently in Mexico with his wife, an employee of a U.S. government agency.

b. LIEMBRACE-8 has natural cover of a retired U.S. businessman of many years residence in Mexico City.

c. LIFEUD-22 has natural cover of a Cuban exile employed by a Mexican firm in Mexico City. He works regular hours at his cover employment and partakes in LIFEAT activities before and after work and during lunch hours.

d. LIFEUD-23, the mother of LIFEUD-22, has natural cover of housekeeper for her son and performs her LIFEAT duties only in their home.

12. Contact and Communications

Daily contact is maintained between the Case Officer and the agents employed in the project. These contacts are made in a clandestine manner with varying patterns established for car pickups, foot contacts, and emergency meetings. Pre-arranged signals are employed in setting and accomplishing the meetings. When heavy or bulky material is to be passed, meetings are held at night. Entrance to the basehouses by other than the basehousekeepers is made only on the basis of strict necessity; such as need for equipment repair, installation for new line coverages, or line coverage cut off.

Telephone contact concerning the project and with the agents is kept to a minimum. Pre-arranged open code is used for phone conversations between Case Officers and agents. Alternate and emergency communications have been arranged and are reviewed frequently by the personnel using them.

These systems of contact and communication appear suitable for the project and function adequately from the security and utility standpoints. Locations and times of meetings are reviewed periodically and are changed frequently to decrease the possibility of arousing the suspicions of the residents of areas in which meetings are held.

13. **Control and Motivation**

Control and motivation are primarily based on two factors: ideology and financial gain. A secondary factor is the fear of reprisal from the local police should discovery occur.

14. **Security**

During the past project year there were no incidents which were beyond the capability of the personnel immediately involved to isolate and remedy immediately. In contrast to previous years, there was no instance of telephone work crews approaching a basehouse to check or remove the tap lines running to that basehouse. Some of the "crosses" made in the telephone centrals have been removed by the central's workmen, but these are of no danger to the operation unless a full investigation is made of one of these unusual connections. During the past project years no such investigation has been undertaken, and no suspicion of the LIFEAT linemen has been revealed to date.

As for the past few years the telephone company is continuing its efforts toward modernization of the Mexico City telephone system. This effort includes changing from overhead lines to underground cables, cleaning off of the unused overhead "dead lines" and installation of new equipment throughout the city. These innovations will continue to cause security problems for the LIFEAT complex, but it is believed that these problems are not insurmountable. To meet this challange to LIFEAT security and to prepare for the day when access to telephone distribution lines is further reduced by their placement in underground cables, LIFEAT has recently succeeded in having one of its linemen (LIFEUD-2) selected to attend a four month special course in cable work. When he completes this course (in July 1962), LIFEUD-2 will have working access to all cableways and cable termination boards in Mexico City. This access will be invaluable from both the present security and operational standpoints as well as for the future when LIFEAT will be forced to tap directly from the underground telephone cables. As a standard procedure the LIFEAT personnel continuously work to devise new methods to increase security, as well as train in security procedures, so as to continue the high level of security enjoyed by LIFEAT in the past.

15. **Training**

Initial training of new personnel and continuing refresher training for the experienced personnel are handled primarily by the "outside" case officer, David M. WILSTED. Minor repair and maintenance of equipment as well as emergency security procedures are stressed and continually reviewed with the agents.

16. Equipment and Support

As noted in last year's renewal request, LIFEAT equipment is generally old and much of it is now obsolete. With funds provided in last year's renewal, LIFEAT (within the past month) has begun to acquire some new equipment, particularly audio recorders. A review of the equipment situation in the LIFEAT setup has convinced both WILSTED and the responsible Case Officer that a near-complete modernization program of the equipment used in LIFEAT must be undertaken during the coming project year. The local KURIOT technician has on a number of ocassions expressed his amazement at the superior product produced by LIFEAT with the outmoded and ancient equipment (in terms of use hours) which the LIFEAT complex had to rely on. Therefore, with the funds requested in Part II of this renewal request, LIFEAT should be completely equipped with adequate gear, particularly audio and dial tape recorders, by the expiration of FY 1963. Admittedly, there is involved large, one-time expenses in complete replacement of such expensive items during a single project year. However, it is a necessary move, due entirely to great wear borne by the equipment. This wear is now causing such a rash of breakdowns that the outside principal agent must spend a disproportionate amount of his time in maintenance work.

17. Timetable

LIFEAT has been in almost constant operation since its inception in January 1951, and as a vital Station operational support asset, it is planned to continue it indefinitely.

PROJECT LIFEAT

PROJECT OUTLINE, PART II

18. Estimated Costs

The following are the estimated costs for Fiscal Year 1962. All figures are U.S. dollars per year ($US 1.00 equals 12.50 Mexican pesos). Changes in estimated costs for particular items will be noted. These reflect not only the continued inflationary trend in the Mexican economy, but also the shift in operational emphasis from prime coverage of Soviet/Satellite activities to support of Station operations. In this latter case particular line coverage is of shorter duration, causing greater expense in installation and removal of tap lines and crosses. In the agent salary category total expense in contract agent salaries has been reduced somewhat, due primarily to dropping certain contract agents, while expenses for field agent category has risen, due to the granting during past project year of long overdue salary raises to all but three LIFEAT field agents.

a. Salaries

(1) Career and contract agents

David M. WILSTED (GS-12 equivalent) no expenses included in Project LIFEAT as he is supported entirely by Project LINOG		
Wayne C. DRABAND	$ 5,300	
LIEMBRACE-8 (since this agent is not used actively in LIFEAT, and is carried only as standby technician while employed under MKCHARITY he will continue to be funded out of other appropriate project.)		
Carol K. ZINSMEISTER	5,400	
Olga A. PARFINIK	4,500	
Replacement for Olivia N. GLADMON	3,600	
		$18,800

(2) Field Agents

LIFEUD-1	5,860
LIFEUD-2	2,750
LIFEUD-3	1,960

LIFEUD-4	2,115	
LIFEUD-5	3,650	
LIFEUD-6	3,500	
LIFEUD-7	2,640	
LIFEUD-8	2,785	
LIFEUD-9	2,115	
LIFEUD-10 (no salary)		
LIFEUD-11 (no salary)		
LIFEUD-12 (no salary)		
LIFEUD-13 (no salary)		
LIFEUD-14	3,650	
LIFEUD-15	845	
LIFEUD-16	1,585	
LIFEUD-17 (no salary)		
LIFEUD-18 (no salary)		
LIFEUD-19	1,500	
LIFEUD-22	2,400	
LIFEUD-23	1,800	
LIFEUD-1's assistant	160	
Christmas bonus (in accordance with local custom, this amounts to one month's pay) and gifts where necessary	4,100	
		$43,415

b. Basehouse Rentals

ANNEX III	2,688	
ANNEX IV	2,760	
ANNEX VI	2,500	
ANNEX VII	1,728	
ANNEX VIII	3.072	
ANNEX IX	2,880	
ANNEX to replace ANNEX I	2,000	
c. Basehouse utilities and expenses	2,000	
d. Allowance for customary rental increase when lease renewed	1,200	
		$20,828

e. Purchase of new recorders and dial tape recorder for necessary replacement/modernization — 12,250

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f. Local purchase of replacement parts, wire, expendable supplies (as paper, paper tape, carbon paper, typewriter ribbons, wrapping paper, manila envelopes) and emergency and special equipment	800	
		$13,050
g. Transportation		
QP car used by DRABAND	500	
LIFEUD-7, car rent	500	
LIFEUD-8, car rent	500	
LIFEUD-14, car rent	300	
ZINSMEISTER mileage	300	
		$ 2,100
h. Miscellaneous ops expenses (Included loss of rent deposits, fund for medical expenses and/or fatalities, termination payments *, bribes, expenses involved in moving and setting up basehouses, and expenses of covering targets of opportunity.)	~~4,000~~ ~~800.00~~ 807.00	
GRAND TOTAL		~~$102,193~~ ~~98,193~~ 99,001.00

NOTE: Station programed LIFEAT at $US 105,948 for FY 1963.

* All terminations of indigenous personnel will be in accordance with Mexican law and will include lump sum separation settlement, transportation and moving expense payments, and any bonus due at the time of the termination.

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TO: Chief of Station, Mexico City

INFO.

FROM: Chief, WH Division

SUBJECT: LIFEAT Project Renewal

ACTION REQUIRED REFERENCES

REFERENCE: HMMW-10085, 14 Sept 1961

Project LIFEAT expires on 30 June 1962. Please forward renewal request to arrive in Headquarters no later than 1 June.

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TO: Chief of Station, Mexico City

INFO:

FROM: Chief, WH Division

SUBJECT: LIFEAT Project Renewal

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

ACTION REQUIRED: For your information only

REFERENCE : HMM-A-17199, 12 June 1961

1. The LIFEAT Project was renewed on 8 September 1961.

2. LIFEAT Project was approved for $98,973. Please note that this means a cut of $12,700 from the Station's original request for $111,673. The cut at Headquarters was made for several reasons: 1) to fall within the approved programed figure of $99,000; 2) during FY 1961 only approximately $81,000 was obligated and since no expansion was planned, an increase of almost $30,000 could not be justified; 3) to keep the approving authority within KUDOVE.

The cuts were made in the following places:

	Station request	Approved
Equipment:		
Local purchase	$ 2,500	$1,800
New equipment	4,500	2,500
Other Ops expenses	15,000	5,000

3. KUTUBE and KUDESK Staffs concurred in recommending renewal. KUTUBE/D remarked that the project included coverage of highly selective KUTUBE/D interests through technical means and stated that the project provided several items of operational interest not otherwise obtainable, as well as operational leads and background data useful in target assessment. KUDESK Staff reiterated that coverage should continue to be given to carefully selected known or suspect Soviet/Satellite agents in support of the Station's intensified KUDESK type program.

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PROJECT APPROVAL NOTIFICATION

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	AMENDMENT		
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	TERMINATION	DESK	Mexico
	EXTENSION	CASE OFFICER: C. Bustos-Videla	EXTENSION: 3162
	OTHER		

AUTHORIZATION

APPROVING AUTHORITY	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROVED	FY	AMOUNT
C/DD/P	$ 90,973	1962	$90,973
PERIOD OF APPROVAL: FROM 1 July 1961 TO 30 June 1962		196	
	FINANCIAL CODE SYMBOL	2135-7011-5906	

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

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PROJECT ACTION

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	AMENDMENT NO	FIELD STATION: Mexico City
X	RENEWAL FY 1962	BRANCH: 3 — DESK: Mexico
	EXTENSION	CASE OFFICER: Charlotte Bustos-Videla
	TERMINATION	ROOM NO: 1015 — BUILDING: Barton Hall — EXTENSION: 3162

CONCURRENCES OF DIVISION

ORGANIZATIONAL ELEMENT	TYPED NAME (and signature)	DATE	COPY NO.	MEMORANDUM ATTACHED: YES	NO	DATE
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C/WHD	J. C. King					

CONCURRENCES OF OTHER COMPONENTS

APPROVAL

PERIOD FROM	TO	TOTAL AMOUNT	FY	AMOUNT
1 July 1961	30 June 1962	$ 98,973	1962	$ 98,973.00
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SUBJECT: Request for Approval of Project LIFEAT

1. It is requested that the LIFEAT Project be renewed for the period 1 July 1961 through 30 June 1962 for a total of $98,974. This project has been programmed for $99,000 and funds are available in WH Division for FY 1962. During the last fiscal year approximately $81,000 was obligated.

2. No training programs for any LIFEAT personnel are anticipated for the renewal period.

3. Any number of emergency conditions could be listed which might affect the smooth running of this operation. Among them would be the break in diplomatic relations or hot war between Mexico and the United States or the discovery of this unilateral asset by the Mexican Government. Emergency recontact instructions have not been established for the agents of this project since it seems likely that the operation would cease in case of such conditions and the agents would be of no further value.

4. This project was the source of 128 intelligence reports during the past year, 85 of which were disseminated. The remainder were used for Headquarters background only since the information was either partially previously reported, overt, or of no interest to customer agencies. The following evaluations were received:

"Mexican Technicians Going to Work in Cuba" - State Department said this report was of moderate importance and that the information was new and useful.

"Nicaraguan Revolutionary Activities in Mexico" - State Department said that this report was of moderate importance and that the information was new and useful.

"Propaganda Activities of the Cuban Embassy in Mexico" - State Department said that this report was of moderate importance and useful as new information. USIA commented that the same report was of major importance.

"Mexican Government Purchase of Soviet Radioisotopes" - OSI reported that this dissemination was of little importance and that the information was already sufficiently known. ORR said that it was of moderate importance and more details were required.

"Projected Arrival in Mexico of Polish Travel Officials" - State Department said that this report was of moderate importance and the information was new and useful. They expressed a continuing interest in this type of reporting.

"New Policy of the Soviet Commercial Office in Mexico" - ORR reported that this information was new but only of moderate importance.

5. WH Division recommends renewal of the LIFEAT Project based on the field request attached. WH Division has cut the field's original request for $111,673 to $98,974.

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TO: Chief, WH Division

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FROM: Chief of Station, Mexico City

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SUBJECT: LIFEAT Project Renewal Request

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ACTION REQUIRED: As noted

REFERENCE(S):

1. Forwarded herewith and under separate cover for Headquarters processing is the LIFEAT Project Renewal Request covering FY 1962. This consists of a comprehensive review of Project LIFEAT for the period July 1960 through June 1961, and a Project Outline divided into Parts I and II.

2. It is noted that the total of funds requested for the coming project year exceeds that granted for the past year, but it is felt that the additional funds are necessary, and realistically reflect the needs of the operation.

3. It is requested that Project LIFEAT be renewed for the period July 1961 through June 1962 in the amount of $111,673.

Willard C. Curtis
WILLARD C. CURTIS

9 June 1961

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PROJECT LIFEAT

PROJECT REVIEW

I. Product of the Project

A. Soviet Embassy

LIFEAT technical surveillance of the Soviet Embassy and Commercial Office telephone lines was discontinued on 22 June 1960 for security reasons. The withdrawal of LIFEAT from coverage of this target hinged on the 20 June 1960 suggestion by LITENSOR to Chief of Station, Mexico City, that the liaison tap operation LIENVOY undertake operations against the Soviet/Satellite targets located in Mexico City. In order not to reveal to LITENSOR that a unilateral tap operation was already providing coverage of these targets, it was necessary for the Chief of Station to agree to LIENVOY extending its coverage to include Soviet/Satellite operations. LIFEAT immediately severed its coverage of both Soviet and Polish phones so as not to jeopardize the continuing unilateral LIFEAT operation and the personnel involved therein. No security breach resulted from the switch from LIFEAT to LIENVOY coverage due largely to the thoroughness and speed of the LIFEAT personnel. LIFEAT security and compartmentation was not harmed to any degree whatever. (Note: LIFEAT again resumed coverage of the Polish Legation--now Embassy--when it developed that LIENVOY did not have the ready capacity to provide "take" from both the Czechoslovakian and Polish official installations.)

B. Polish Embassy

During the past project year, LIFEAT remained the primary source of information on this target and the only successful, continuing penetration of the target, technical or otherwise. The interested Case Officer has described the LIFEAT contribution as "unique" and "invaluable". Examples of the positive intelligence product of the LIFEAT/Polish coverage are:

HMMA-15431, 3 August 1960 (Aleksander BEKIER)
HMM-5133, 22 August 1960 (Promotion of Polish Minister in Mexico to Rank of Ambassador)
HMM-5144, 24 August 1960 (Polish Minister of Shipping to Attend Mexican Independence Celebration)
HMM-5186, 22 September 1960 (Projected Arrival in Mexico of Polish Travel Officials)
HMMA-15696, 28 September 1960 (Jan SLUSARZ)

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HMMA-15722, 30 September 1960 (Piotr WASILUK's Order for Tape Recorder)
HMM-5338, 9 December 1960 (Appointments to Polish Missions in Latin America)
HMMA-16255, 11 January 1961 (Gita STEN)
HMMA-16306, 20 January 1961 (EXCORN/RYBAT)
HMMA-16467, 15 February 1961 (Possible Polish Sponsored Audio Operation)

C. Cuban Embassy

The emphasis of the LIFEAT operation during the past year has been placed on coverage of Cuban official, intelligence and propaganda activities. Direct support of Station operations in the JMZIP area has rendered immeasurable assistance to the responsible Case Officers. On various occasions LIFEAT support has involved extended periods of live-monitoring target telephones, thereby providing excellent security for Station assets taking part in sensitive operations. LIFEAT/Cuban coverage has also enabled the Station officers to check the veracity and activities of various penetration agents in the Cuban Embassy, again providing increased operational security and increased exploitation of these agent assets. Although LIFEAT has been employed primarily as an operational support asset in the Cuban area, the following are examples of the valuable and abundant positive intelligence production furnished by LIFEAT:

HMM-5044, 9 July 1960 (Oil From Mexico For Cuba)
HMMA-15499, 17 August 1960 (AMSHAD-1)
HMM-5101, 10 August 1960 (Canadian Delegates to Cuban Youth Congress)
HMM-5207, 6 October 1960 (Dissension at Cuban Embassy in Mexico)
HMM-5330, 9 December 1960 (Cuban Propaganda Activities in Mexico)
HMM-5398, 4 January 1961 (Activities of Prensa Latina, Cuban News Agency)
HMM-5541, 17 March 1961 (Cuban Commercial Activities in Mexico)
HMM-5573, 7 April 1961 (Cuban Request for Mexican Co-sponsorship of UN Resolution)
HMM-5592, 19 April 1961 (Recruitment of Mexican Technicians to Work in Cuba)
HMM-5613, 28 April 1961 (Collection of Medicines for Shipment to Cuba)
HMM-5627, 3 May 1961 (Links Between Cuban Embassy and Pro-Cuba Demonstrations in Mexico City)
HMMA-17001, 12 May 1961 (Travel of U.S. Citizens to Cuba
HMM-5647, 17 May 1961 (Visit of Cuban Petroleum Technicians to Mexico)

D. American Communists in Mexico

As in the past, most of the targets in this group have been covered at the request of ODENVY, and the production has been partially processed

by them. During the period July 1960 through May 1961, approximately 280 reels of raw "take" were passed to local ODENVY for their processing. The most valuable information gleaned from coverage of the targets in this field continues to deal with contacts, travel, and activities of the American Communist Group in Mexico (ACGM). The following is a sample of the reporting based on the LIFEAT coverage provided in this area during the past project year:

HMMA-15467, 10 August 1960 (Travel of Noah SEBORER and Family)
HMMA-15481, 12 August 1960 (Marianne de PERALTA (nee YAMPOLSKY)
HMMA-15917, 9 November 1960 (Berthe Neham SMOLIKOFF)
HMMA-16051, 30 November 1960 (Paul STEVENSON, aka Pablo O'HIGGINS)
HMMA-16111, 9 December 1960 (Max SPARER)
HMMA-16179, 21 December 1960 (Albert MALTZ)
HMMA-16214, 30 December 1960 (Samuel J. NOVICK)
HMMA-16328, 25 January 1961 (David HALPERIN)
HMMA-16342, 25 January 1961 (Enos Regnet WICHER)
HMMA-16404, 3 February 1961, (Noah, Anna, and Robert SEBORER)
HMMA-16565, 1 March 1961 (Margaret Larkin MALTZ)
HMMA-16747, 29 March 1961 (Enos and Maria WICHER)
HMMA-16802, 7 April 1961 (Noah and Anna SEBORER)

E. Exile and Revolutionary Activities

LIFEAT continues to provide data on the exile and revolutionary groups active in Mexico. The bulk of the LIFEAT effort in this field was directed toward the coverage of the Nicaraguan exiles, and the results were most rewarding in this area. Examples of productivity:

HMM-5264, 2 November 1960 (Nicaraguan Exile Activities in Mexico)
HMM-5193, 27 November 1960 (Edelberto TORREZ Espinoza)
HMM-5375, 30 December 1960 (Travel of Honduran Leonel Roberto SAVILLON to Cuba)
HMM-5376, 30 December 1960 (Travel of Nicaraguan Communist)
HMM-5386, 6 January 1961 (Views of Salvadoran Ambassador on Political Situation in El Salvador)
HMM-5452, 8 February 1961 (Americans in Nicaraguan Revolutionary Movement)
HMM-5549, 24 March 1961 (Use of Cuban Embassy as Guatemalan Communist Channel for Messages to Cuba)
HMMA-17025, 17 May 1961 (Travel of Guatemalans)

F. Counter-Intelligence Information

Mexico City Station's major responsibilities continued to lie in the field of CI/CE matters during the past year, and LIFEAT was able to provide a substantial contribution toward the attainment of the Station's objectives in this field. In particular, coverage of the following known

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Communists added much to the Station's efforts: Xavier GUERRERO Saucedo and his wife, Clara Porcet de GUERRERO; Carmen BRUFAU Civit; and Juan Luis CAMPOS Villalobos. Besides the operational support in the CI/CE field, the following informational reporting was provided by LIFEAT:

- HMM-5154, 31 August 1960 (Activities of Vicente LOMBARDO Toledano, Mexican Marxist Leader)
- HMM-5333, 9 December 1960 (Clara Porcet de GUERRERO)
- HMM-5339, 9 December 1960 (General Lazaro CARDENAS del Rio)
- HMM-5533, 10 March 1961 (Activities of the Latin American Peace Conference)
- HMM-5652, 19 May 1961 (Communist Support of Student Demonstration at Puebla)
- HMM-5655, 19 May 1961 (Meeting of Luis MARTINEZ Menocal with Communists in Mexico)

G. Operational Leads and Support Provided Other Station Operations

During the past project year, LIFEAT continued to support Mexico City Station through the timely production of useful leads, notably in the field of Cuban operations, and provision of continuing support to other Station operations. The following is a selective list of the use made of leads provided by LIFEAT:

LIFEAT/Cuban: In this phase of the LIFEAT operation the most important operational function has been the use of LIFEAT leads in checking the veracity and activities of the KUBARK agents in the Cuban Embassy in Mexico. LIFEAT live-monitoring was employed in the case of Guillermo HERNANDEZ Vega to determine the success of this suspected Cuban penetration of the AMIRON program in contacting Cuban officials or pro-Cuban Mexican officials while he was held in custody by Mexican authorities and Station assets. In another case LIFEAT provided leads which enabled Station assets to monitor a clandestine meeting between a member of the Cuban Embassy staff and one Manuel ROJAS Villa (aka James Bradford STEWART), a fugitive from ODYOKE and a potential CASTRO agent, and ultimately return ROJAS to ODYOKE jurisdiction. LIFEAT was also able to determine the whereabouts of another suspected CASTRO agent, Oscar RODRIGUEZ Moruna. LIFEAT leads and support provided increased security for Station assets involved during the defection of Jose PARDO Llada, CASTRO "propaganda" minister, and provided leads for KUCAGE play on the reaction to the defection within the Cuban Embassy in Mexico.

LIFEAT/Polish: LIFEAT provided vital support in the BECOR? recruitment attempt which increased the security of the operation and gave a quick and secure means of evaluating the chances of success of the operation. In this effort, LIFEAT support included long periods of live-monitoring three separate telephone lines. LIFEAT leads also pointed out a local cafe which is a front for much Polish intelligence activity in the

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Mexico City area. It has been determined through LIFEAT leads that this cafe is headquarters for a suspected Polish technical operation directed against an official U.S. installation in Mexico City. LIFEAT also provided support for a Station mounted audio operation against the Polish Embassy in Mexico City. Through LIFEAT leads proper support for the operation was arranged.

Coverage of a CI/CE nature was exploited in covering travel of important Communists, particularly to Cuba, and the travel of U.S. citizens, especially Communists and leftists, to Cuba. Travel plans of American Communists were provided to ODENVY well in advance of the actual travel. Activities of local Communists and their participation in demonstrations and CASTRO-support projects was shown through LIFEAT information.

H. Conclusion

It is the opinion of the Mexico City Station that the support provided other Station operations, the CI/CE information, and in particular the ability of the unilateral LIFEAT operation to cover sensitive targets without revealing Station interest to liaison forces, well justify the expenditure of funds, time, personnel, and security risk. It is to be noted that even though the Station is involved in the parallel LIENVOY liaison operation, a change in the attitude of the local government or the change in local government administration could well end KUBARK participation in that liaison project. For that reason LIFEAT must be available to resume the coverage of the Soviet/Satellite targets which it previously provided. It is recognized by the Station that the LIFEAT complex, if allowed to disintegrate, could not be readily reorganized if need for its services in the Soviet/Satellite field was required at a future date. Therefore, LIFEAT's present orientation, though toward targets of a CI/CE nature rather than toward providing positive intelligence, leaves it available for instant recall into the field of Soviet/Satellite operations. Of necessity, LIFEAT operations in certain areas have been curtailed to some extent and total coverage reduced during the trial period when guide lines were being formed in relation to operating with a parallel but liaison operation (i.e., LIENVOY). However, it is the Station's opinion that even with the temporarily reduced coverage provided by LIFEAT, this project still provides a substantial and essential contribution in fulfilling the several priority objectives of the Station's Related Mission Directive.

I. There is attached a complete list of the KGMs produced from LIFEAT provided material during the period July 1960 through May 1961 (see attached page).

II. Progress of the Operation

The objectives of the LIFEAT Project are of a continuing nature and are therefore not considered for fulfillment during any given period of time. For this reason percentage figures as to completion of project objectives cannot be drawn. However, an indication of the coverage provided in working

toward fulfillment of the objectives can be noted in that 12,000 pages of raw text were produced in the period July 1960 through May 1961. LIFEAT has been in daily operation during the review period with the average number of lines covered being 12. Generally, this coverage can be broken down as follows:

Cuban Embassy and related lines	4	
Polish Embassy and related lines	3	
American Communists	2	
Targets of Opportunity	3	
	12	TOTAL

III. Planning for the Future

Following the suggestion provided by Headquarters in renewing Project LIFEAT for FY 1961 (FY and project year coincide), the Station is expending every effort to maintain LIFEAT as a secure, compartmented, unilateral operation even though on the presently reduced scale, so as to have readily available for service this flexible support asset with its proven capacity for coverage of almost any target in Mexico City. Also in line with Headquarters suggestion LIFEAT will attempt to increase its coverage of those individuals suspected of maintaining clandestine contact with the RIS.

In the future, the unilateral LIFEAT operation, with the removal from its responsibility the coverage of the Soviet and Czech lines, will tend to be more flexible, with greater percentage of its capacity available for shifting to new targets as they are presented, and able to adjust readily to new situations. It is noted that this may result in a lower quantity of positive intelligence production, but will increase the CI/CE production which has always been basic to the LIFEAT project.

IV. Performance of Agents

The overall performance of all agents employed in the LIFEAT complex continued to be good during the period of the project review, with security being stressed in all phases of the operation. No security problems were encountered which were not solved by the personnel involved. Since the success of the LIFEAT operation depends largely upon the security of its personnel, Headquarters clearances and evaluation of new personnel will continue to be sought on those new additions who pass a strict field assessment.

V. Expenditures

Approval for renewal of Project LIFEAT was granted in August 1960 for the FY 1961 in the amount of $98,901.00. The proposed budget for FY 1962 is broken down in the attached Field Project Outline, Part II, and totals $98,973.00.

VI. Status of Commitments

There are no commitments other than those noted in the project outline submitted herewith and in the individual contracts and oral agreements (memoranda of oral agreements were forwarded as necessary) of the various LIMAT personnel.

The following is a complete list of the 118 HUMs which were based wholly or in part on LIFEAT supplied material during the period July 1960 through May 1961. This represents a 21% increase over the same period of last project year. However, with LIFEAT termination of Soviet and Czech coverage, a drop in the total HUM production can be expected during the coming project year.

HUM-5032	HUM-5332	HUM-5462
5045	5333	5465
5047	5338	5473
5065	5339	5480
5095	5342	5497
5098	5343	5503
5100	5347	5505
5101	5348	5507
5133	5354	5511
5137	5356	5532
5144	5362	5533
5154	5372	5534
5159	5375	5536
5169	5376	5541
5172	5378	5545
5174	5379	5549
5180	5380	5550
5186	5381	5552
5197	5382	5560
5194	[illegible]	[illegible]
5207	5384	5570
5214	5386	5573
5226	5387	5575
5235	5392	5587
5245	5393	5588
5247	5398	5590
5261	5400	5592
5264	5406	5613
5268	5407	5625
5277	5408	5627
5289	5409	5630
5297	5410	5639
5299	5413	5641
5309	5418	5642
5310	5426	5643
5319	5428	5647
5321	5437	5652
5329	5443	5655
5330	5446	5660
	5452	

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PROJECT OUTLINE, PART I

1. Area of Operations

This operation is run from the Mexico City Station and is concerned with targets located in Mexico City.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this project is to provide, unilaterally, daily information on the activities of official foreign installations in Mexico and the personnel thereof, as well as coverage of the activities of selected individuals and groups in response to both Station needs and Headquarters requests. Presently, coverage of the official Cuban and Polish installations have top priority in the LIFEAT operation.

3. Background

~~Project LIFEAT was originally approved on 3 October 1950~~ as a unilateral telephone tap operation. Actual initiation of operations under this authority occurred on 18 January 1951, and the operation has run continuously from that date. The project was opened with the installation of one tap and has grown in the past ten years to continuous coverage of from 12 to 20 lines.

The LIFEAT project is a unilateral operation completely independent from any liaison arrangement. It is staffed by KUBARK staff and contract employees with the greater majority of personnel being indigenous controlled agents.

During the past ten years, Project LIFEAT has produced more than 76,000 pages of operational and intelligence information in direct support of the Mexico City Station's specific objectives, and has contributed materially to the intelligence gathering activities connected with the Soviet and Satellite Bloc and more recently with the activities of the Cuban representatives in Mexico. In addition, LIFEAT has been of considerable value in monitoring the activities of the American Communist Group in Mexico (ACGM), as well as the activities of exile groups and local Communists.

4. References

a. HMMA-15252, dated 29 June 1960 (LIFEAT Renewal Request for FY 1961)

b. HMMW-9086, dated 8 September 1960 (Approval of LIFEAT Renewal for FY 1961)

5. Objectives

a. To identify Satellite intelligence personnel in Mexico and to provide information on the nature and extent of their clandestine intelligence and propaganda activities in Mexico.

b. To collect information on the Satellite officials both as to their activities as well as information of biographic nature.

c. To identify Cuban intelligence personnel in Mexico as well as determine the activities of Cuban officials which are inimical to the interests of the U.S.

d. To collect biographic information on Cuban officials assigned to Mexico and provide daily coverage of their activities.

e. To collect information on prominent Mexican Communists and pro-Communists and their activities.

f. To collect information on prominent Communists, other than Mexican, active in Mexico, and to identify them and their associates and activities.

g. To collect information on exile groups active in Mexico.

h. To collect information on targets of opportunity in Mexico.

6. Targets

For objectives a and b:

a. Selected Satellite officials' office and home phones.

b. Selected private phones being used by known and suspected Satellite intelligence personnel.

For objectives c and d:

c. Telephone conversations from the Cuban Embassy, including long distance calls from Havana, as well as selected telephone calls from residences of Cuban officials.

For objective e:

d. Telephone conversations from the residences of senior Communists and pro-Communists.

For objective f:

e. Telephone conversations from residences of known American Communists residing in Mexico City.

For objective g:

f. Telephone conversations originating from residences or offices of prominent exile leaders in Mexico City.

For objective h:

g. Telephone conversations which can be monitored from targets of opportunity.

7. Tasks

Case Officer - Edward F. SECHEN
Assistant Case Officer - Jeremy L. NIARCOS

a. Supervise the operational and administrative activities of all LIFEAT personnel; staff, contract and indigenous.

b. Maintain awareness of and provide direction in all operational matters pertaining to the management of the LIFEAT Project.

c. Provide guidance and day-to-day supervision of the operational phases of LIFEAT coverages in the field of Polish, Cuban, and American Communists operations.

d. Coordinate information received from the LIFEAT coverage with other Station operations, and coordinate as necessary with the Station personnel responsible for the parallel LIENVOY operation.

e. Maintain LIFEAT capabilities for mounting operations against targets of opportunity.

f. Maintain supervision over warehouses, equipment, and training of personnel assigned to the LIFEAT operation.

8. Coordination

a. Information produced by LIFEAT, primarily a Station operational support asset, is closely coordinated with other operations of the Mexico City Station. No operational coordination is required with any other geographical area, but they are advised of any information produced by LIFEAT which may be of interest to them.

b. Project LINOG which supports the principal "outside" Case Officer, David M. WILSTED, is effected in coordination with Project LIFEAT.

c. Coordination with the parallel, but liaison project, LIENVOY is closely organized within the Station in two fields: (1) the daily checking

between Case Officers of both projects, particularly relating to the division of coverage between the two operations, to assure that the unilateral LIFEAT operation will not be endangered by the indigenous personnel of the LIENVOY operation; and, (2) the daily processing of LIENVOY/Soviet "take" by the LIFEAT processor and basehousekeeper Carol K. ZINSMEISTER. The Station believes this latter point does not "cross" operations unnecessarily since ZINSMEISTER's long and discrete service within the LIFEAT complex gives her both the sense of security and the background necessary for secure processing of the Soviet "take". (Note: The processed Soviet material is not returned to the liaison forces after receipt from ZINSMEISTER, but is returned to the Station where it is summarized by Station personnel and then passed to liaison as having come from KUBARK Headquarters.) ZINSMEISTER is equally valuable, and indeed essential, in her LIFEAT basehousekeeper assignement because of her experience in dealing with the security problems arising from conducting a technical basehouse, as well as her ideal natural cover as wife of one of Mexico's foremost medical doctors.

9. Personnel

a. Staff agents

Ralph B. RAFANELLI (201-176295), who for the past four years has functioned as the assistant to the "outside" Case Officer for the LIFEAT operation, completes his second tour in June 1961 and will return to Headquarters PCS during the fall or early winter of 1961. It is planned to replace him with a locally recruited person, ODYOKE citizen if possible, who possesses natural commercial cover. Several candidates are presently being considered for this position. As soon as the Station is able to determine the best qualified individual, full PRQ I and II and clearance request will be forwarded for Headquarters processing.

b. Contract Agents/Employees

(1) David H. WILSTED (201-009195), principal "outside" Case Officer.

(2) Olivia N. GLADMON (201-117751), processes tapes and performs clerical duties.

(3) Carol K. ZINSMEISTER (201-117968), LIFEAT basehousekeeper (ANNEX IV) and processes all tapes from LIENVOY/Soviet "take".

(4) Leona C. GANDARA (201-225710), presently employed only on a standby basis for LIFEAT support.

c. Field Agents

(1) LIFEUD-1, OA granted 17 October 1950 (201-182704)

(2) LIFEUD-2, OA granted 14 August 1951 (201-117970)

(3) LIFEUD-3, OA granted 14 December 1953 (201-117971)

(4) LIFEUD-4, OA granted 1 October 1953 (201-117743)

(5) LIFEUD-5, OA granted 16 December 1953 (201-117744)

(6) LIFEUD-6, OA granted 28 September 1954 (201-117978)

(7) LIFEUD-7, OA granted 21 October 1954 (201-117980)

(8) LIFEUD-8, OA granted 31 March 1955 (201-119521)

(9) LIFEUD-9, OA granted 27 April 1956 (201-117984)

(10) LIFEUD-10, OA granted 13 September 1956 (201-114085)

(11) LIFEUD-11, OA granted 21 August 1956 (201-113595)

(12) LIFEUD-12, OA granted 6 August 1956 (201-113569)

(13) LIFEUD-13, OA granted 13 September 1956 (201-115833)

(14) LIFEUD-14, OA granted 26 September 1956 (201-117972)

(15) LIFEUD-15, OA granted 19 January 1957 (201-126315)

(16) LIFEUD-16, OA granted 2 July 1958 (201-222786)

(17) LIFEUD-17, OA granted 13 August 1956 (201-114086)

(18) LIFEUD-18, OA granted 2 October 1957 (201-185370)

(19) LIFEUD-19, OA granted 18 May 1960 (201-262488)

(20) LIMITATION-5, OA amended for LIFEAT 20 March 1961 (201-102308)

(21) LIMITATION-6, OA amended for LIFEAT 20 March 1961 (201-117981)

d. During the past project year the following personnel were dropped from Project LIFEAT:

(1) Alice M. CAILLETREAU (201-119967) was dropped in July 1960 when she returned to PBPRIME with her husband upon his resignation from KUBARK.

(2) Woodrow D. GABBOTT (201-14465) is now employed exclusively as an outside contact for the Station's Satellite Case Officer and should no longer be considered as a member of the LIFEAT complex.

(3) Wallace L. KAWOHL (201-033959) was terminated as an active agent in June 1960 at his own request and with the concurrence of the Station. Agent quit-claim and secrecy agreement were obtained. No security problems are considered likely to occur since KAWOHL's parents continue to be employed as basehousekeepers for LIFEAT and are dependent upon continued LIFEAT salary for their livelihood. At the time of the termination, it was realized that he would continue to enter the basehouse which his parents controlled, and therefore his clearance was amended to reflect this situation. (Reference: HTTA-15946).

10. Operational Clearances

See Section 9 above.

11. Cover

There are no changes in the cover of the personnel presently employed in Project LIFEAT from that noted in previous project renewals.

12. Contact and Communications

Daily contact is maintained between the Case Officers and the agents employed in the project. These contacts are made in a clandestine manner with varying patterns established for car pickups, foot contacts, and emergency meetings. Pre-arranged signals are employed in setting and accomplishing the meetings. When heavy or bulky material is to be passed, meetings are held at night. All movement in and out of the basehouses by Case Officers is done in cars ostensibly owned by the agents residing in those basehouses. Entrance to the basehouses on foot by other than the basehousekeepers is made only in emergency situations.

Telephone contact concerning the project and with the agents is kept to a minimum. Pre-arranged open code is used for phone conversations between Case Officers and agents.

Alternate and emergency communications have been arranged and are reviewed frequently by the personnel using them.

These systems of contact and communication appear suitable for the project and function adequately from the security and utility standpoints. Locations and times of meetings are reviewed periodically and are changed frequently to decrease the possibility of arousing the suspicions of the residents of areas in which meetings are held.

13. Control and Motivation

Control and motivation are primarily based on two factors: ideology and financial gain. A secondary factor is the fear of reprisal from the local police should discovery occur.

14. Security

During the past project year there were no incidents which were beyond the capability of the personnel immediately involved to isolate and remedy immediately. One basehouse was closed for "cooling off" after a telephone company work party came to the basehouse to check the lines running to it. This party was stalled long enough to cut back the "tap" lines at the roof level and the house cleared of all compromising equipment and material. Later the work party entered and checked the lines which proved to be "dead" lines. The extra lines were then removed and the work party left the premises and there was no further trouble. (Note: In Mexico City there is much "dead line" running throughout the city which causes no end of difficulty for the telephone company in installation and repair work. Therefore, the phone company assigns work parties to various areas to clean up the extra unused "dead lines" in order to bring a degree of organization to the telephone system. This work is now being pursued vigorously and is approaching completion in large areas of the city.) The basehouse involved in the above incident has now been moved to a different location and is back in operation.

At the present time the telephone company is making a general effort to modernize the Mexico City telephone system. This effort includes changing from overhead lines to underground cables, cleaning off the unused overhead "dead lines", and installation of new equipment throughout the city. These innovations will cause increasing security problems for the LIFEAT complex, but it is believed that the problems are not insurmountable. Part of the solution will of necessity involve the use of a greater number of basehouses to diversify the coverage and to reduce the number of lines running to any one basehouse. This will cause an increase in expense for the project, but is considered desirable and necessary. It may eventually be necessary for LIFEAT to enter the underground cables in order to provide access to selected targets and maintain the security of the basehouses. The LIFEAT personnel are continually working to devise new methods as well as maintaining training in security so as to continue the high level of security enjoyed by LIFEAT in the past.

15. Training

Initial training of new personnel and continuing refresher training for experienced agents is handled primarily by the "outside" Case Officer, David H. WILSTED. Minor repair and maintenance of equipment as well as emergency security procedures are stressed and continually reviewed with the agents.

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16. Equipment and Support

As has been mentioned in last year's renewal request, much of the LIFEAT equipment, upon whose reliability the success of the information collection is based, will require replacement in the near future. The great percentage of the equipment has been in long and continuous service, while much of the special equipment is no longer being manufactured. When present diminishing commercial stocks of replacement parts are exhausted, new units will be required for LIFEAT with the attendant large, one-time purchase expense.

17. Timetable

LIFEAT has been in almost constant operation since its inception in January 1951, and it is planned to continue it indefinitely.

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18. Estimated Costs

The following are the estimated costs for Fiscal Year 1962. All figures are U.S. dollars per year ($1.00 U.S. equals 12.50 Mexican pesos). Some increases in particular items will be noted. These reflect the increased cost of living and especially the continuing rise in rental costs in the Mexico City area, plus the necessity of moving basehouses for security reasons discussed in Part I of this Project Outline.

a. Salaries

(1) Staff and contract personnel

Ralph B. RAFANELLI, GS-9 (for maximum of 6 months)		
Salary	$3,500	
Quarters	1,150	
Deep Cover Differential	525	
Replacement for RAFANELLI	4,000	
Carol K. ZINSSMEISTER	5,500	
Plus 10% raise	550	
Olivia N. GLANTON	4,200	
Leona C. GANDARA	900	
		$20,325

(2) Field agents

LIFEUD-1		$5,760
LIFEUD-2		2,496
LIFEUD-3		1,776
LIFEUD-4		1,920
LIFEUD-5		3,648
LIFEUD-6		3,500
LIFEUD-7		2,400
LIFEUD-8		2,400
LIFEUD-9		1,920
LIFEUD-10	(no salary)	
LIFEUD-11	(no salary)	
LIFEUD-12	(no salary)	
LIFEUD-13	(no salary)	
LIFEUD-14		3,648
LIFEUD-15		768
LIFEUD-16		1,440
LIFEUD-17	(no salary)	
LIFEUD-18	(no salary)	
LIFEUD-19		1,200

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LIFSUD-1's assistant	144	
LIMITATION-5	760	
LIMITATION-6	300	
Due to the continuing rise in the cost of living, plus the fact that the majority of the above listed agents have not received the pay raise reflected in last year's project renewal, it will be manditory to grant an across the board 10% pay raise during FY 1962.	3,400	
Christmas bonus (in accordance with local customs, this amounts to one month's pay for each agent) and gifts where necessary.	3,200	
		$40,680

b. Basehouse Rentals

ANNEX I (formerly LIMERICK Main Base)	$2,200	
ANNEX IV	2,760	
ANNEX VI	2,200	
ANNEX VII	1,728	
ANNEX VIII	3,072	
ANNEX IX	2,880	
ANNEX X	2,688	
ANNEX to be selected	2,500	
c. Basehouse utilities and expenses	2,000	
d. Allowance for customary (for Mexico City) 10% rental increase when lease renewed	2,000	
		$24,028

e. Equipment

Local purchase of emergency and special equipment	$1,800	
New equipment, especially recorders and reels	2,500	
		$4,300

f. Miscellaneous

(1) Expendable supplies such as paper, carbon paper, paper tape, manila envelopes, wrapping paper, $2,000

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(2) Transportation

RAFANELLI's QP car	$600
LIFEUD-7 car rent	675
LIFEUD-8 car rent	675
LIFEUD-14 car rent	290
ZEMSMEISTER mileage	400

(3) Other operational expenses (covers loss of rental deposits, fatalities, medical expenses, termination payments,* expenses involved in moving and setting up base-houses, expenses involved in covering targets of opportunity) 5,000

$7,640

GRAND TOTAL $98,973

* Any termination of indigenous personnel will be in accordance with Mexican law and will include lump sum separation settlement, transportation and moving expense payments, and any bonus due at the time of termination.

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TO: Chief of Station, Mexico City

INFO

FROM: Chief, WHD

SUBJECT: LIFEAT Project Renewal

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

Project LIFEAT expires on 30 June 1961. It is requested that your recommendation for renewal be pouched so that it reaches Headquarters prior to 1 June 1961.

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TO: Chief of Station, Mexico City

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FROM: Chief, WHD

SUBJECT: Operational
LIFEAT Project Renewal

ACTION REQUIRED: Per paragraph 2

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REFERENCE(S):

HMM-A-15252, 29 June 1960

1. The LIFEAT Project was approved on 26 August 1960 for a total of $98,901. Headquarters reduced the original request from the field to bring the total Project budget more in line with the programmed figure of $90,000 and the actual obligations of the previous year, which were only $73,884. The following changes were made on the field's request:

	Field Request	Approved
Salaries: Ralph B. RAFANELLI (to reflect legislative pay raise)	$ 6,505.00	$6,995.00
Miscellaneous Operating Expenses	25,000.00	9,000.00

2. Staff comments on the Project renewal request were:

a) KUTUBE/OPS said that the Station is to be commended on its handling of the requested Bloc coverage by LIENVOY while maintaining LIFEAT capability and limiting coverage to those lines most profitable. KUTUBE noted the increased emphasis on exploitation of operational information. In order to continue this aspect of the operation, the Station is faced with the difficult problem of selectivity in targeting and processing take from these two large projects. Every possible effort should be made to increase the efficiency of processing to maintain LIFEAT at its present high level. In KUTUBE/OPS's opinion, LIFEAT personnel and capability must be carefully maintained in face of the easier but less secure LIENVOY.

b) KUDESK stated that this unilateral asset should be continued despite the fact that we are running a similar operation with the local government. It is hoped that the Station will soon be able to use this asset in the investigation of individuals known to be in clandestine contact with the RIS, for the purpose of determining whether or not they may be recruited.

c) KUTUBE/D notes that the project has been of high value.

3. Attached for the information of the Station is a copy of the memorandum prepared in WH to transmit the project for approval.

OLIVER G. GALBOND

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Attachment: 1 (3 pages), KAPOK
Per paragraph 3

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CRYPTONYM: LIFEAT

OPERATING DIVISION: WHD

FIELD STATION: MEXICO CITY

TARGET AREA: MEXICO CITY

HEADQUARTERS CASE OFFICER:

Charlotte L. Fehrung

ROOM NO: 2121 Barton Hall
EXTENSION: 2555 or 3152
DATE: 22 July 1960

SUBJECT: LIFEAT Project Renewal

1. It is requested that the LIFEAT Project be renewed for the period 1 July 1960 through 30 June 1961 for a total of $98,901.00. Last fiscal year the project was approved for $123,830 of which $73,884 was obligated. The approved programmed figure was $90,000 for Fiscal Year 1961. The extra $ 9,000 required would come from the following programmed projects:

LIMOTOR - $2,000
LIVERY - $1,000
LIENVOY - $6,000

2. Subsequent to the preparation by the Station of the attached Project review and renewal request for LIFEAT, the following situation developed in Mexico which has directly affected the entire LIFEAT Project. At a meeting with the Chief of Station on 25 June 1960, LITEMSOR asked the Station and LIELEGANT to immediately begin covering the Soviet, Polish and Czech Embassy under LIENVOY. LITEMSOR suggested that the Mexicans translate the Spanish and that the Station forward the tapes to Washington for translation of the Russian, Polish and Czech portions. The Chief of Station had no alternative but to express great interest in the coverage of targets of such importance. In order to protect the security of the LIFEAT operations, the Station stopped the LIMERICK and LIVERY (LIVERY had not been in operation for the past six months for security reasons) coverage on 22 June, prior to the LIENVOY activation. It was determined that LIENVOY would cover 5 Soviet and 2 Czech lines. The take continues to be processed by LIMOTOR-ISTER and LIBELIFORM. The LIENVOY monitors extract from the Spanish only the most important points for the daily resumes which are passed to LITEMSOR. LIELEGANT has been told we will inform him of pertinent information obtained (ostensibly from Headquarters processing) of the Soviet and Czech text for passing to LITEMSOR. LIFEAT will continue its unilateral coverage of Polish and other targets of interest.

3. The Station does not anticipate any problem connected with the exploitation of leads since LIELEGANT has evinced no interest in this matter. In view of the lack of language capabilities by the Mexicans and our ability to control what is passed (ostensibly from Headquarters), the Station sees no problems arising from the present arrangement.

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4. The Station does not intend to cut down on independent LIFEAT operations since there are plenty of targets to keep both LIENVOY and LIFEAT occupied.

5. The LIFEAT Project was the source of 99 positive intelligence reports, 72 of which were disseminated. Those not disseminated were considered by Headquarters to be of value for operational background or were outdated. FR made the following evaluations of LIFEAT reports:

"Mexican Interest in Procurement of Naphthalene from Czechoslovakia," of value, probably true, and of importance to receive further reports.

"Soviet Commercial Activities," of value, probably true, and of importance to receive further reports.

"Soviet Plans to Sell Newsprint to Mexican Government Agency," of little importance.

"Soviet Negotiations for Mexican Cotton," of average value, useful as new information.

The Department of State made the following evaluations of LIFEAT reports:

"Mexican Efforts to Sell Sugar to the USSR," of value, possibly true, and of importance to receive further reports.

"Purchase of Soviet Tractors by Mexican Government," of slight value.

"Soviet Negotiations for Mexican Cotton," of average value, useful in confirming other reports.

6. The Station used LIFEAT information in the preparation of memoranda directed to the Embassy and FBI representatives in Mexico in reply to local requests for information. During the period July 1959 through May 1960, 154 memoranda were furnished the Embassy and 69 memoranda were furnished the FBI based on LIFEAT information.

7. WH Division feels that the positive and CE information received from LIFEAT is invaluable. Most of the information is not available from other Station assets. Reports on travel and the identification of target personalities often serve to confirm information previously received. LIFEAT assets also have been used effectively to check on recently-terminated agents to ascertain that the termination was secure. LIFEAT also has been used to check on reports by double agents that they have contacted or been contacted by their respective Soviet or Satellite contacts.

8. Information received from LIFEAT is passed to WH/4 and any operations undertaken on the basis of such information are closely coordinated with that Branch.

9. Information received from the LITAMS, LIVERY, and LIMERICK phases is supplied the EE and SR Case Officers at the Station for exploitation of leads and extracting of pertinent background information. At Headquarters there is close coordination between EE, SR and WH on the dissemination of positive reports and the operational exploitation of CE/CI leads. C/EE/C stated on 18 July 1960 that the Czech desk fully endorses the renewal of the LIFEAT Project and that they have found the information obtained from this project to be especially useful in following the movements of persons of interest and the activity and identification of target personnel. Please see attached memoranda from EE/P and SR which express their support of this project renewal.

10. Project BESMOOTH, which supports Woodrow D. CALBOT, who processes the LITAMUS take, is coordinated with Project LIFEAT.

11. Emergency recontact instructions will be arranged with the agents under this project if a situation which might require such instructions threatens Mexico.

12. It is requested that the LIENVOY Project be renewed on the basis of this memorandum and the attached review and renewal request prepared by the Mexico City Station.

COORDINATION:

Ned P. Holman, AC/WH/3

C. W. Anderson, WHD/Proj/Officer

Approved for Transmittal: J. C. King, Chief/WHD

Approved: J. C. King, Chief/WHD

Date

Attachments:
- Station Project Review and Renewal Request
- Folder with past renewals
- Memorandum from SR Division
- Memorandum from EE/C
- Form 680 (in quad)
- Envelope containing true name

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TO : Chief, WH Division

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FROM : Chief of Station, Mexico City

DATE: 29 June 1960

SUBJECT: LIFEAT Project Renewal Request

ACTION REQUIRED: Renewal of Project LIFEAT

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REFERENCE(S)

HMMW-7955, 14 August 1959

1. There is attached a comprehensive Review of Project LIFEAT for the period July 1959 through June 1960 and a Project Outline divided into Part I and Part II for easier processing.

2. It is to be noted that the amount requested in the attached renewal request, $114,411, is $19,419 under that amount approved for Project LIFEAT for the past project year. Station Mexico feels this reduction in cost will not adversly affect the operational impact of the project.

3. It is requested that Project LIFEAT be renewed for FY 1961 in the amount of $114,411.

Willard C. Curtis
Willard C. CURTIS

23 June 1960

Attachments:
1. Odd pages (five copies) - attached herewith.
2. Even pages (five copies) - under separate cover.

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PROJECT REVIEW AND PROJECT OUTLINE

PARTS I AND II

Cryptonym LIFEAT

Case Officer Edward P. SECHEN

Station MEXICO CITY

Chief of Station Willard C. CURTIS

Assistant Case Officer Jeremy L. NIARCOS

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PROJECT REVIEW - PROJECT LIFEAT

I. Product of the Project

A. Soviet Embassy

1) Soviet Commercial Activities:

During the past project year, the LIMERICK phase of Project LIFEAT has provided detailed and continuing reports on the increased Soviet efforts to participate in Mexican commercial markets. The following is a partial but representative list of the reports submitted on this subject.

HMM-4322, 12 June 1959, Soviet Commercial Activities in Mexico.
HMM-4567, 6 November 1959, Soviet Commercial Activities in Mexico.
HMM-4855, 1 April 1960, Soviet Purchase of Mexican Cotton.
HMM-4857, 6 April 1960, Soviet Purchase of Mexican Pineapple.
HMM-4858, 6 April 1960, Soviet Plan to Sell Newsprint to Mexican Government Agency.

2) Soviet Diplomatic Activities:

Project LIFEAT provided coverage of many of the Soviet Diplomatic activities in Mexico. It was able to show the relationships maintained between the Soviet and Satellite missions in Mexico, as well as the increased official contact between the Cuban and Soviet governments.

MEXI-4304, 21 August 1959, Meeting os Soviet and Cuban Ambassadors to Mexico.
HMM-4618, 20 November 1959, Increased Relations of the Soviet Embassy in Mexico with the Latin American Diplomatic Missions.
HMM-4768, 8 February 1960, Preparation of Soviet Propaganda in Mexico for Shipment to Cuba.

3) Soviet Cultural Activities:

LIFEAT has provided detailed information concerning the Soviet cultural activities in Mexico. Examples of such reports are:

HMM-4415, 5 August 1959, Soviet Plans to Bring Soviet Exposition to Mexico.

HMM-4449, 28 August 1959, Soviet Plans to Bring Pyatnitskiy Chorus to Mexico from Canada.

HMMA-14677, 16 March 1960, Soviet Cultural Activities.

4) Background Information on, and Movement of, Soviet Officials:

Through LIFEAT information, the Station has been able to maintain a current roster of the Soviet Embassy personnel assigned to Mexico. LIFEAT has been further utilized to give information on job assignments within the Soviet Embassy, and to determine in advance departures, arrivals, and replacements of Embassy personnel. Large quantities of background personality information concerning the official and private lives of members of the Soviet staff were also provided.

HMM-4323, 11 June 1959, Scheduled Travel of Soviet Officials.
HMMA-14065, 6 November 1959, Activities of Soviet Ambassador Vladimir Ivanovich BAZYKIN.
HMMA-13614, 24 August 1959, Retirement System for Soviet Diplomats.

5) Goods and Services:

Throughout the past year, LIFEAT information has been of use to Project LIMESA. Of particular note have been leads concerning various properties in which the Soviets were interested.

6) Miscellaneous Activities of the Soviet Embassy:

LIFEAT material which does not fall into any one category but which deals with the Soviets and their association and related activities has been reported as necessary.

B. Czech Legation*

Information obtained on the Czech Legation during the period under review was essentially the same as that obtained from the Soviet Embassy. Although this target was covered only from July 1959 to January 1960 (due to the security problem posed by extensive telephone company cable renovation work in the vicinity of the basehouse serving the target), valuable intelligence was gained during the period of actual coverage. Examples

of reports from this source are:

HMMA-13295, 10 July 1959, Czech Legation Activities.
HMMA-13522, 14 August 1959, Czech Embassy Activities.
HMM-4513, 30 September 1959, Czech Interest in Importing Mexican Copper.
HMMA-13919, 9 October 1959, Czech Diplomatic Couriers.
HMM-4576, 6 November 1959, Czech Plans to Setup Commercial Company in the Free Zone of Curacao.

(*Czech Legation raised to Embassy status during July 1959)

C. The Polish Legation

The type of LIFEAT information gathered on the Polish Legation closely parallels that gathered from the Soviet and Czech targets. LIFEAT remains the primary source of information on this target.

HMM-4458, August 1959, Proposed Mexican Art Exhibit in Poland.
HMMA-13718, 11 September 1959, Influence of Polish Minister on Mexican U. N. Voting.
HMM-4482, September 1959, Polish Commercial Interest in Cuba.
HMM-4544, 23 October 1959, Polish Commercial Activities.
HMMA-14843, 20 April 1960, Activities of Polish Technical Investigators.
HMMA-15055, 27 May 1960, Activities of Alexander BEKIER.

D. American Communists in Mexico

Most of the targets in this group have been covered at the request of ODENVY, and the production has been partially processed by them. Approximately 370 reels were passed to ODENVY for their processing during the period June 1959 - April 1960. The most valuable type of information obtained on these targets deals with travel, contacts, and activities of the American Communist Group in Mexico (ACGM). The following is a sample of the reports furnished through coverage of this target group.

HMMA-13792, 25 September 1959, Albert and Margaret MALTZ.
HMMA-14191, 4 December 1959, Albert MALTZ.
HMMA-14885, 27 April 1960, Maria WICHER.
HMMA-15135, 10 June 1960, Noah SEBORER.
HMMA-15144, 15 June 1960, Maria WICHER.

E. Cuban Embassy

LIFEAT has provided timely information on the activities and personalities of the Cuban Embassy. Of particular interest has been the indications provided by LIFEAT of closer relations and increasing contact between the Cuban and Soviet officials in Mexico. LIFEAT was also able to provide a firm indication of the Soviet-Cuban announcement of resumption of diplomatic relations two weeks in advance of the actual event. Examples of LIFEAT Cuban coverage are:

HMM-4489, 24 September 1959, Recall of Cuban Military Attaches in Mexico.
HMM-4649, 4 December 1959, Pro-Cuba Publication in Mexico.
HMM-4907, 27 April 1960, Projected Joint Announcement by Cuban and Soviet Governments.
HMM-4919, 29 April 1960, Travel to Cuba of Soviet Ambassador in Mexico.

F. Exile and Revolutionary Activities

LIFEAT continued to provide information on the exile and revolutionary groups active in Mexico. Coverage of the Nicaraguan Communist exiles was particularly rewarding for the operational information provided.

HMM-4317, 12 June 1959, Letter from a Guatemalan Communist Concerning the Seventh World Festival of Youth.
MEXI-4271, 13 August 1959, Travel of Nicaraguan Communists.
HMM-4450, 4 September 1959, Nicaraguan Revolutionaries' Efforts to Meet a Former President of Mexico.
MEXI-4488, October 1959, Travel of Dra. Concepcion PALACIOS Herrera, Nicaraguan Communist.
HMM-4967, 25 May 1960, Activities of Rafael RAMIREZ Delgado.

G. LAURICLE Information

During the period of the project review, LIFEAT, as in the past, continued to contribute materially to several matters of LAURICLE interest.

H. Counter-Intelligence Information

CI/CE matters continued to constitute a major portion of the Mexico City Station's priority objectives during the review period. Project LIFEAT was able to provide a substantial contribution to the attainment of these objectives. Of particular note in this respect has been coverage provided on known Communist Party members, especially valuable being that provided on Juan Luis CAMPOS Villalobos.

I. Operational Leads and Support Provided Other Station Operations

During the period covered by this project review, LIFEAT continued to support the Mexico City Station through its timely production of leads which were especially useful, and in most cases essential, in assuring the success of other Station operations. The following is a list, necessarily selective, of the use made of leads from, and support of other projects rendered by Project LIFEAT.

LIFEAT/LIMERICK: 1) Of special note is the support provided to the Station's AEIMPULSE operation. Leads and information rendered by LIFEAT enabled the responsible Case Officer to prepare adequately for this recruitment attempt of an officer of the Soviet Embassy. Following the actual attempt, LIFEAT/LIMERICK was used as a security device to protect the Station assets employed in the operation. 2) As noted in I A. (5) above, Project LIMESA was provided with continuing support by Project LIFEAT. Notable among the information and leads provided were those concerning specific properties which the Soviets were interested in renting and/or buying. 3) LIFEAT has provided a check on double-agent LITARDY-1, giving verification of his activities and contacts. A similar check has also been provided on the activities of informant LIPAGAN-1.

LIFEAT/LIVERY: 1) This phase of LIFEAT closely supported the projected LITACIT physical penetration operation aimed at the LIVERY establishment in Mexico City. LIFEAT provided essential information on the rosters of night duty officers as well as background information on the target. 2) LIFEAT/LIVERY provided support for the installation of technical surveillance against LITACH. Without the information provided by LIFEAT, this operation would have been extremely hazardous at best, and probably would have been entirely impossible.

LIFEAT/LITMUS: 1) LIFEAT provided information which lead to the successful recruitment of agent BEYAN who was in a position to provide information on BESOOT. 2) LITMUS leads also lead to the attempted, but unsuccessful, recruitment of one Una WARREN, believed to have been a contact of Polish officials in Mexico. 3) LIFEAT leads also lead to the surveillance of a clandestine meeting of Alexander BEKIER, Polish Counselor of Legation in Mexico. Due to the advance notice of the meeting given by LIFEAT, MKCHARITY was given time to plan technical coverage of the meeting and prepare especially fabricated equipment for this coverage. 4) LIFEAT was also responsible for the discovery of the location of a Polish Intelligence basehouse. This information was operationally important to the responsible Case Officer.

LIFEAT/LIERODE: In this phase of the LIFEAT project leads have been most rewarding in terms of agents actually recruited and operations supported by LIFEAT provided information. 1) LIERODE produced leads which were directly responsible for the recruitment of agents LITANGO-1 and LITAMIL-3, while providing security check and information which have increased the value of agent LITANGO. 2) The defections of LITAINT-1 and LITAG-1 were greatly aided by LIFEAT leads and information. The internal reaction to the defections in the target establishment were also readily available through LIFEAT. 3) At present LIERODE is providing coverage, both from a security and informational standpoint, of the attempt to place a recruited agent as Mexico-based advisor to a high official of the Cuban Intelligence. This operation is largely dependent upon LIFEAT leads and support for security coverage of the agent's activities. 4) LIFEAT/LIERODE has been unusually successful in providing information which has enabled the Station to identify nearly all the Cuban agents operating in Mexico. Due to the increasing importance of the Cuban target, these revelations are of utmost importance.

Coverage of a CI/CE nature was provided by LIFEAT targeted against a recruited member of the Mexican Communist Party, and has produced leads on semi-clandestine travel of party members behind the Iron Curtain, as well as providing a check on the veracity of the agent.

Project LIFEAT has been employed also in support of the highly sensitive LIEMIT operation.

J. Conclusion

It is the opinion of the Mexico City Station that the support provided to other Station operations, the CE information obtained, and the positive intelligence gathered by Project LIFEAT well justify the expenditure of KUBARK assets in terms of funds, personnel, time and security risk. The information produced by this operation has materially contributed to several priority objectives of the Station's Related Mission Directive.

K. There is attached herewith a complete list of HMMs produced from LIFEAT provided material during the period July 1959 through May 1960. (See attached sheet.)

II. Progress of the Operation

Since the Project LIFEAT objectives are unique in that they are of a continuing nature and not designed to be fulfilled within a given period, no statistics can be cited from which a percentage of coverage on each objective can be calculated. A general indication can be given of the coverage provided by the project when it is noted that approximately 15,000 pages of raw text were provided in the July 1959 to May 1960 period. LIFEAT has been in daily operation during the review period with the number of lines covered varying from 12 to 18. Generally, these can be broken down as follows:

Soviet Embassy	5 lines	
Polish Legation and Polish Counselor	3 lines	
Czech Legation (Embassy)	2 lines	(Coverage suspended January '60 for reason given in I. B above)
American Communists	2 lines	
Cuban Embassy	3 lines	
Targets of Opportunity	3 lines	

III. Planning for the Future

Following the suggestion and guidance provided by Headquarters when renewing Project LIFEAT for FY 1960, the Station plans to limit its coverage to no more than twenty lines at any given time, with the possible exception of targets of opportunity which could be covered for short periods

in addition to the normal coverage. The coverage of Soviet and Satellite installations will remain basic to LIFEAT and will be exploited to the maximum degree possible. Due to the increased importance of information on Cuban activities, coverage of the Cuban Embassy and personnel staffing the Embassy will be increased during the coming project year. Targets of Opportunity will continue to be exploited as permitted by personnel, equipment, and access limitations.

IV. Performance of Agents

The general overall performance of the agents employed under LIFEAT continued to be good with security being stressed in all phases of the operation. No security problems were encountered which were not readily solved by the personnel concerned. Since a high degree of security is required for the operation of LIFEAT, it is planned that any possible agent candidates will be thoroughly screened and Headquarters clearance obtained before they are in any way approached for operational use.

V. Expenditures During the Period Under Review

Approval for the renewal of Project LIFEAT was granted on 16 July 1959, for the period 1 July 1959 through 30 June 1960, in the amount of $123,830. ~~In its continuing attempt to provide practical economy without decreasing operational efficiency, Station Mexico submits the itemized proposed LIFEAT budget for FY 1961 (contained in the attached Field Project Outline, Part II) in the amount of $114,411, a reduction of approximately $19,000 from the previous year's approved budget.~~

VI. Status of Commitments

There are no commitments other than those provided for in the project outline submitted herewith and the individual contracts of several LIFEAT personnel.

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The following is a complete list of the 97 HMMs which were based wholly or in part on LIFEAT supplied material during the period July 1959 through May 1960.

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HMM-4364
HMM-4387
HMM-4388
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HMM-4407
HMM-4415
HMM-4425
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PROJECT OUTLINE

PROJECT LIFEAT

PART I

1. Area of Operations

This project is run from the Mexico City Station, and is concerned with targets located in Mexico City.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this project is to determine Soviet and Satellite plans, activities and connections with other Communist elements through the use of technical surveillance. This purpose is in consonance with the Related Mission Directive for Mexico, dated 20 November 1959, Priority A, Objective one.

3. Background

Project LIFEAT was originally approved on 3 October 1950 as a unilateral telephone tap operation. Actual initiation of operations was on 18 January 1951, and the project has run continuously from that date. The project was begun with the installation of one telephone tap, and has been expanded to the present average coverage of 18 lines.

Project LIFEAT is a unilateral operation completely independent from any liaison arrangement. It is staffed by KUBARK staff and contract employees with a substantial number of local indigenous controlled agents.

During the past nine years, Project LIFEAT has produced more than 64,000 pages of operational and intelligence information in direct support of the Mexico City Station's objectives specifically, and has contributed materially to the intelligence gathering activities connected with the Soviet and Satellite Bloc. In addition, Project LIFEAT has been of considerable value and assistance in monitoring the activities of the American Communist community residing in Mexico City as well as activities of Cubans and exiles in Mexico.

4. References

a. HMMA-12936, 22 May 1959, Renewal Request for FY 1960.

b. HMMW-7955, 14 August 1959, Approval of Renewal Request for FY 1960

5. Objectives

a. To identify Soviet and Satellite intelligence personnel and to collect information on the nature and extent of their clandestine intelligence and propaganda activities in Mexico.

b. To collect information on Soviet and Satellite commercial, diplomatic, cultural and military personnel and their activities in Mexico.

c. To collect biographic information of Soviet and Satellite officials.

d. To collect information of the movements, assignments and positions of Soviet and Satellite personnel.

e. To collect biographic information on Cuban officials assigned to Mexico and provide coverage of their activities.

f. To collect information on prominent Mexican Communists and pro-Communists and their activities.

g. To collect information on prominent Communists, other than Mexicans, active in Mexico and to identify them and their associates.

h. To collect information on exile groups active in Mexico.

i. To collect information on targets of opportunity in Mexico.

6. Targets (as related to project objectives)

For objectives "a" through "d",

a. Selected Soviet Embassy and commercial office telephone conversations.

b. Selected Satellite office and home phones.,

For objective "e",

c. Telephone conversations from the Cuban Embassy and selected telephone calls from residences of Cuban officials.

For objective "f",

d. Telephone conversations from the residences of senior Communists and prominent pro-Communists.

For objective "g",

e. Telephone conversations from the residences of known American Communists residing in Mexico City.

For objective "h",

f. Telephone conversations originating from the residences of offices of prominent exile leaders in Mexico City.

For objective "i",

g. Telephone conversations which can be monitored from targets of opportunity.

7. Tasks

Case Officer - Edward P. SECHEN
Assistant Case Officer - Jeremy L. NIARCOS

a. Supervise the operational and administrative activities of all LIFEAT staff, contract, and indigenous personnel.

b. Maintain awareness of and provide direction in all operational matters pertaining to the management of the LIFEAT Project.

c. Provide guidance and day-to-day supervision of the operational phases LIFEAT/LIMERICK, LITMUS, LIVERY, LIERODE, and the American Communist Group in Mexico activities.

d. Coordinate information received from LIFEAT/LIMERICK with other Station Mexico operations.

e. Maintain LIFEAT capabilities for mounting operations against targets of opportunity.

f. Maintain supervision over basehouses, equipment, and training of personnel assigned to the LIFEAT operation.

8. Coordination

a. Information produced by LIFEAT, primarily a Station support operation, is closely coordinated with other operations at the Mexico City Station. No operational coordination is required with any other area, but they are kept advised of any information produced by LIFEAT which may be of interest to them.

b. Project LINOG which supports the principle outside LIFEAT Case Officer, David M. WILSTED, is effected in coordination with Project LIFEAT.

9. Personnel

a. Staff Agents:

Ralph B. RAFANELLI - under unofficial commercial cover (201-176295)

b. Contract Agents/Employees:

1. David M. WILSTED (201-009195) - principle outside Case Officer. Career agent
2. Alice M. CAILLETEAU (201-119967) - clerical work C-47041
3. Olivia N. GLADMON (201-117751) - processes tapes and does clerical work C-46946
4. Carol K. ZINSMEISTER (201-117968) - processes major portion of LIFEAT take. C-24242
5. Wallace L. KAWOHL (201-033959) - basehouse operator C-3977
6. Leona C. GANDARA (201-225710) - LIFEAT clipping. C-61657 (CSR-24 June 1958 →)
7. Woodrow D. GABBOTT (201-14465) - processor for LITMUS tapes under Project ESMUTH

c. Field Agents:

1. LIFEUD-1, OA granted 17 October 1950, (201-183704) C-739
2. LIFEUD-2, OA granted 14 August 1951, (201-117970) C-1412

3. LIFEUD-3, OA granted 14 December 1953, (201-117971) C-7152
4. LIFEUD-4, OA granted 1 October 1953, (201-117743) C-6970
5. LIFEUD-5, OA granted 16 December 1953, (201-117744) C-7496
6. LIFEUD-6, OA granted 28 September 1954, (201-117978) C-30465
7. LIFEUD-7, OA granted 21 October 1954, (201-117980) C-31929
8. LIFEUD-8, OA granted 31 March 1955, (201-119521) C-33172
9. LIFEUD-9, OA granted 27 April 1956, (201-117984) C-45672
10. LIFEUD-10, OA granted 13 September 1956, (201-114085) C-50464
11. LIFEUD-11, OA granted 21 August 1956 (201-113595) C-50455
12. LIFEUD-12, OA granted 6 August 1956 (201-113596) C-50157
13. LIFEUD-13, OA granted 13 September 1956 (201-115833) C-50750
14. LIFEUD-14, OA granted 26 September 1956 (201-117972) C-32015
15. LIFEUD-15, OA granted 19 January 1957 (201-126315) C-54096
16. LIFEUD-16, OA granted 2 July 1958 (201-222786) C-70322
17. LIFEUD-17, OA granted 13 August 1956 (201-114086) C-63109 (wife of LIFEUD-14)
18. LIFEUD-18, OA granted 2 October 1957 (201-185370) C-50457 (wife of KAWCHL)
19. LIFEUD-19, OA granted 18 May 1960 (HMMA-14933) (201-262488) mother of Raymond H. GERENDE (LIEMPTY Fry) assists with LIVERY basehouse C-79348

d. No personnel were dropped from the project during the past project year.

10. Operational Clearances:

See section 9 above.

11. Cover

The cover of personnel employed in Project LIFEAT remains the same as noted in the last project renewal.

12. Contact and Communications

a. Daily contact is maintained between the Case Officers and the agents in this project. These contacts are made in a clandestine manner with varing patterns established for car pickups, foot contacts, and emergency meetings. Pre-arranged signals are employed in setting and accomplishing the meetings. When heavy or bulky material is to be passed, meetings are held at night. All movement in and out of the basehouses by the Case Officers and Principle Agents is done in cars ostensibly owned by agents, except in the case of LIVERY basehouse where the agents are too old to drive. One of the indigenous agents is used to contact LIVERY base. Entrance to basehouses on foot by other than the residents of the house is

made only in great emergencies.

b. Telephone contact concerning the project and with the agents is kept to a minimum. Pre-arranged open code is used for phone conversations between Case Officers and agents.

c. Alternate and emergency signals have been arranged and are reviewed frequently by the personnel using them.

d. These systems of contact and communication appear suitable for the project and function adequately from a security viewpoint. Locations and times of meetings are reviewed periodically and are changed frequently to decrease the possibility of discovery.

13. Control and Motivation

Control and motivation are primarily based on two factors: ideology and financial gain. A secondary factor is the fear of reprisal from the local police should discovery occur.

14. Training

Initial training of new personnel and refresher training for experienced agents is handled primarily by the outside case officer, David M. WILSTED. Minor repair and maintainance of equipment as well as emergency security procedures are stressed and continually reviewed with the agents.

15. Equipment and Support

It is believed that much of the technical equipment upon which the continued successful collection of LIFEAT material depends will require replacement in the near future. The largest percentage of this equipment has been in nearly continuous operation from the initiation of the project in January 1951 and much of this equipment is no longer being manufactured. When present limited commercial stocks of replacement parts are exhausted, new units will be required for LIFEAT.

16. Timetable

LIFEAT has been in almost constant operation since its inception in January 1951 and it is planned to continue it indefinitely.

PROJECT OUTLINE

PART II

PROJECT: LIFEAT

17. Estimated Costs

The following are the estimated costs for FY 1961. All figures are U.S. dollars per year. ($1.00 dollar U.S. equals 12.50 Mexican pesos) Due to the continued rise in the cost of living, and especially to the expected increase in rental costs that is a chronic feature of the Mexico City scene, a moderate increase in some LIFEAT costs will be noted, ~~even though the overall total requested is $10,419 under that approved for FY 1960.~~

a. Salaries:

1. Staff and contract Personnel

Ralph B. RAFANELLI GS-10	995.00
Salary	$ 6,~~505.00~~
Quarters	2,304.00
Carol K. ZINSMEISTER (salary)	5,500.00
Alice N. CAILIETEAU (salary)	2,000.00
Olivia N. GLADMON (piecework)	4,200.00
Wallace L. KAWOHL (salary)	1,728.00
Leona C. GANDARA (salary)	900.00

$ 23,137.00
490.00
$ 23,627.00

2. Field Agents

LIFEUD-1	5,760.00
LIFEUD-2	2,496.00
LIFEUD-3	1,776.00
LIFEUD-1's helper	144.00
LIFEUD-4	1,920.00
LIFEUD-5	3,648.00
LIFEUD-6	3,500.00
LIFEUD-7	2,400.00
LIFEUD-8	2,400.00
LIFEUD-9	1,920.00
LIFEUD-10 No Salary	
LIFEUD-11 No Salary	
LIFEUD-12 No Salary	
LIFEUD-13 No Salary	
LIFEUD-14	3,648.00
LIFEUD-15	768.00
LIFEUD-16	1,440.00
LIFEUD-17 No Salary	
LIFEUD-18 No Salary	
LIFEUD-19	960.00

Due to the continued rise in the cost of living, plus the fact that the majority of the above listed field agents have not received a pay raise in recent years even though the work load increased and the quality of work performed has imporved, it is anticipated that the 10% over-all pay raise provided for, but not given, in FY 1960 will be necessary in FY 1961:

3,200.00

Christmas bonus (In accordance with local custom, this amounts to one month's pay for each agent) and gifts where necessary:

3,000.00

$ 38,930.00

b. Basehouse rentals, utilities, and expenses:

LIMERICK Main Base	$ 1,920.00	
LIVERY Relay Base	504.00	
ANNEX IV	2,760.00	
ANNEX VI	1,920.00	
ANNEX VII	1,728.00	
ANNEX VIII	3,072.00	
ANNEX IX	2,880.00	
Proposed Relay Base	480.00	
Plus 10% customary increase in rent when lease contract renewed	1,600.00	
		$ 16,864.00

c. Equipment:

Local purchase of emergency and special equipment	$ 2,500.00	
New equipment such as reels and recorders	3,000.00	
		5,500.00

d. Miscellaneous:

1. Expendable supplies such as paper, paper tape, etc.	2,000.00	

2. Transportation

RAFANELLI QP Car	600.00
ZINSMEISTER mileage	400.00
LIFEUD-5 car rent	290.00
LIFEUD-7 car rent	675.00
LIFEUD-8 car rent	675.00
LIFEUD-14 car rent	290.00

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3. Other operational expenses (covering loss of deposits, fatalities, termination payments*, medical payments, emergency moving bills, renovation of basehouses, expenses in covering targets of opportunity) ~~25~~ 9,000.00

$ ~~29,930.00~~ 13,930.00

GRAND TOTAL $ ~~114,411.00~~ 98,401.00

*Any termination of indigenous personnel will be in accordance with Mexican law and will include lump sum separation settlement, transportation and moving expense payments, and any bonus due at the time of termination.

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DATE : 23 JUNE 60

TO : DIRECTOR

FROM : MEXICO

ACTION: WH 5

INFO : RG 2, CI/IC 2, CI/OA, S/C 2

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ROUTINE

IN 16026

TO DIR INFO CITE MEXI 5782

REF: DIR 35879 (OUT 88257) *

FORWARDING LIFEAT RENEWAL TWO POUCHES 29 JUNE 1 JULY DUE KAROK CLASSIFICATION.

END OF MESSAGE

CS COMMENT: *REQUESTED LIFEAT PROJ RENEWAL SOONEST.

LIFEAT / [illegible]

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ORIG : C. ZEHRUNG
UNIT : WH/3/MEXICO
EXT : 2555
DATE : 21 JUNE 1960

TO : MEXICO CITY

FROM: DIRECTOR

CONF: WH 5

INFO :

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OUT 88257

TO MEXI INFO CITE DIR

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REQUEST LIFEAT PROJ RENEWAL SOONEST. ADVISE POUCHING DATE.

END OF MESSAGE

Lifeat Durrell

J. C. KING, C/WHD
RELEASING OFFICER

COORDINATING OFFICERS

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N. P. HOLMAN, AC/WH/3
AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

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20 June 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, WH

SUBJECT : Renewal of WH Division FI/CI Projects over $100,000

1. There is set forth below a list of WH Division FI/CI Projects, with an authorization of over $100,000, which expire as of 30 June 1960:

Project	Authorization
LIFEAT	$123,830

2. Possibly renewal actions are already in course of preparation for the above projects. If not, however, it is strongly urged that appropriate project action be submitted as soon as possible, and in any event not later than 15 July, so that these renewals can be submitted to DDCI for approval in timely fashion.

3. The same request applies to any other WH Division FI/CI projects, currently authorized for amounts under $100,000, if renewal will request authorization in excess of that figure.

S. M. Hines
S. M. HINES
Chief, DDP/PG

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DISPATCH

CLASSIFICATION: S-E-C-R-E-T

DISPATCH SYMBOL AND NO.: HMMW-7955

HEADQUARTERS FILE NO.: 50-6-32/1

TO : Chief of Station, Mexico City

INFO

FROM : Chief, WHD

DATE: [illegible] 1959

SUBJECT : LIFEAT Project Renewal

RE "43-3" — (CHECK "X" ONE)
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ACTION REQUIRED : Exploitation of LIFEAT leads

REFERENCE(S)

1. The LIFEAT Project renewal submitted in HMMA-12936 was approved on 16 July 1959 for the period 1 July 1959 through 30 June 1960 for a total of $123,830 for fiscal year 1960. The Station will note that monies requested for the support of Woodrow D. GABBOTT (ps) were subtracted from the request made by the Station for project funds. GABBOTT is supported by the BESMOOTH Project, an EE support project.

2. The following staff comments were made when the Project was submitted for approval:

a. "RQM has continued its rating of "C" on the disseminated positive information from the Project, noting a slight increase in the disseminations, and commenting that it provides interesting information to customers on the nature and extent of Bloc commercial activities in Mexico, data useful in economic analyses, and reports on exile activities in Mexico.

b. "KUTUBE/D recommended renewal of LIFEAT observing that the leads produced by the operation have been of operational value to LAURICLE activities conducted in Mexico City in the past year. KUTUBE/D comments also that the Project has afforded and can be expected to continue to afford CE protection from time to time for activities of particular LAURICLE interest.

c. "KUTUBE/OPS has observed that Project LIFEAT has been a most useful operational asset in the Mexico City Station for the past nine years, continuously providing KUBARK with a window into important targets. KUTUBE/OPS requests that the next project renewal point out what agent recruitments by the Station have resulted from or been supported by the operational information secured by the project.

d. "KUDESK commented that it well known that Mexico is being used by the RIS as a base for third country operations directed against the United States. Over a period of years LIFEAT has supplied valuable leads which have resulted in the identification of a large number of persons in clandestine contact with RIS officers; further investigation in several cases produced information which strongly indicated that the persons involved were actively assisting the RIS. While such information is, of itself, of interest and importance, our responsibility in the CI field imposes the obligation to determine what those persons are doing for the RIS and this can be done only by recruiting and doubling them. It is therefore suggested that LIFEAT leads and reports of investigations based on them be reviewed for the purpose of selecting a limited number of the more promising targets. Thereafter, Station assets including LIFEAT should be used to obtain the operational data necessary to determine that a target is recruitable, and then a pitch should be made. Much time and effort will be required for such a program, but the potential rewards fully justify it, and the value of LIFEAT, as a CI asset, will be materially increased.

3. Chief, KUTUBE, in recommending the Project for renewal to Deputy Director, KUBARK, requested that at the time of the next Project renewal, the Division should review the relationship and coordination of Project LIFEAT operations with those active and proposed under Project LIENVOY.

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4. In addition to the formal comments cited above, during the process of obtaining approval for LIFEAT, the Project was subject to various and sundry criticisms in its present form. Therefore, Headquarters suggests that the Station bear this in mind and during the coming year make every effort to increase the operational value of this Project. If the LIENVOY Project is a success operationally and the leads are followed up and developed, WH Division anticipates that it will encounter difficulty in obtaining approval of a similar Project as large and as expensive as LIFEAT unless it is demonstrated to the complete satisfaction of Headquarters that the expense involved in the LIFEAT Project is justified and that the results of the exploitation of project developed leads prove useful in attaining the Station CS objectives. Among the comments received are:

a. Although the purpose and objectives of the project as stated in the FPO call for the collection of information, the operational intent is to make use of this information for an eventual recruitment of Sino-Soviet and Satellite diplomats and/or their contacts. It is realized that diplomats who are susceptible to defection or recruitment in place are few and far between and that the Station is always alert for such targets and is conscientious in their development. However, the Case Officer should keep in mind the more easily accessible and more vulnerable (though secondary) targets, i.e. the many contacts, friends, employees, etc. whose development could well lead to the primary targets. Headquarters feels it is this secondary category where more emphasis can be made. The recruitment in place of such individuals could be extremely valuable for the entire CI/CE program of the Station.

b. The lack of development and exploitation of leads from LIFEAT operations has been raised many times. In view of the limited reporting to Headquarters on the exploitation of operational leads, it has been difficult to state whether the leads are being followed up, who the targets are, and whether consideration is being given to recruitment approaches. Headquarters requests that in each monthly summary the Station supply more info under the section labeled "Exploitation of Leads". The statement "leads resulting from LIFEAT information are followed up by other Station assets" is meaningless without some explanation of the lead follow ups. Headquarters would like to know the names and some operational information concerning the persons who seem to be of most interest and who have been under investigation during the period covered by the monthly summary.

5. On page 6 of your covering memorandum on the FPO (HMMA-12936), you indicate that during the coming year the Station expects to expand its coverage to approximately 24 lines. Headquarters would like to suggest that consideration be given to limiting coverage to a number of lines which can be effectively exploited.

6. It is requested that Headquarters be informed in more detail in all cases where information obtained through LIFEAT has been used to support other important Station operations.

OLIVER G. GALBOND

6 August 1959

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DISPATCH SYMBOL AND NO	HMM-A-13145
TO	Chief, WHD
INFO	
HEADQUARTERS FILE NO	50-6-32/1
FROM	Chief of Station, Mexico
DATE	15 June 1959
SUBJECT	LIFEAT/LIFEAT Agent Status
RE: "43-3" — (CHECK "X" ONE)	X MARKED FOR INDEXING
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ACTION REQUIRED	Note new cryptonyms
REFERENCE(S)	HMMW-7761, 10 June 1959

1. Agent Service Records are being submitted on LIPSTICK-17, LIPSTICK-22 and LIMESTONE-10. LIPSTICK-17 and LIPSTICK-22 were unable to remain in Station's jurisdiction due to the health of a minor child and have returned to the north of this country.

2. Through oversight*LIQUATION-4(201-185370, OA of 2 Oct. 1957) who is now carried as LIFEUD-17 and*LIMITATION-7(201-114086, OA No. C-50457 dated 13 August 1956) and who is now carried as LIFEUD-18 were omitted from the Project Renewal Request. It is requested that their names be added to the list of Project personnel. They are not paid a salary but due to the occupation of their spouses are witting of the LIFEAT activity.

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Willard C. CURTIS

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, FI

SUBJECT : Project LIFEAT Renewal

HEADQUARTERS CASE OFFICER:

Name: J. E. Brady
Room: 2114 Barton Hall
Ext.: 2555 or 5172
Date: 15 June 1959

1. It is requested that the LIFEAT Project be renewed for the period 1 July 1959 through 30 June 1960 for a total of $135,445.00.

2. Attached is the Field's Project Review, together with a revised Project Outline, which clearly set forth the present status of the Project. It is believed that the activity described herein continues to justify the time and expense involved, and hence merits renewal for the forthcoming year.

3. In March 1959 we asked the Federal Bureau of Investigation for their evaluation of the usefulness of information on American Communists which originated from LIFEAT and whether they wished to continue receiving such information. On 2 April 1959, the Federal Bureau of Investigation replied that the information has been of value to them from intelligence and investigative viewpoints and they wish to continue receiving such information.

4. LIFEAT was the source of information concerning the plans of Albert MALTZ and his wife for their trip to Europe and behind the Iron Curtain in May, June and July 1959. Through LIFEAT we learned that they were planning to try to contact Alfred Kaufman STERN and his wife Martha Dodd STERN and Maurice and Edith HALPERIN, American Communists who fled behind the Iron Curtain during the past two years. Based on information made available through LIFEAT, Headquarters has made arrangements for the MALTZ' to receive baggage searches and discreet surveillances at various points on their trip.

5. The Czech and Polish Desks in EE Division and the appropriate Desk in SR Division were asked to comment on the value of LIFEAT to them. All desks agreed that LIFEAT was a very valuable source of general background information on the Soviet, Czech and Polish diplomats and often provided information which could be obtained through no other source. The Czech Desk commented that LIFEAT was of most value as a support asset to the Station, providing leads which might be developed into operational assets by the Station personnel. In May 1959 the Polish Desk sent

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Woodrow L. CABOT (re-see LIFEAT personnel section) to Mexico FCS to process the take from the LITMUS phase of LIFEAT. They feel that with this Contract Agent processing LITMUS, this phase will greatly increase in value during the coming year. CABOT will be in a position to call operational leads to the attention of the Station Case Officer immediately for exploitation. SR noted that LIFEAT has been an invaluable support asset for [illegible] and has been at times the only source of information for the important SR operation.

6. The State Department evaluated LIFEAT reports on the following subjects to be of value and probably true. They wish to continue receiving reports on these subjects.

"Soviet Commercial Activities in Mexico"
"Soviet Attempt to Barter Equipment for Mexican Coffee"
"Soviet Commercial Activities in Mexico"

OCR evaluated a report on "Soviet Attempt to Barter Equipment for Mexican Coffee" and a report on "Polish Embassy Interest in Mexican Copper Concentrates" to be of value.

Attachments:
FPS (in quad)
Folder with past approvals
Form 610 (in quad)
Envelope with true names

J. C. King, C/WH

Date

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		HEADQUARTERS FILE NO: 50-6-32/1

TO : Chief of Station, Mexico City

INFO

FROM : Chief, WHD

SUBJECT : LIFEAT/LIFEAT Agent Status

ACTION REQUIRED: See Below

REFERENCE(S): HMMA-12936, 22 May 1959 (KAPOK)

DATE: 10 JUN 1959

RE: 43 ... (CHECK "X" ONE)

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1. According to Headquarters records, LIPSTICK-17, LIPSTICK-22, LIQUATION-4, and LIMITATION-7 have been cleared for use in the LIFEAT Project. Since the above mentioned agents are not included in the LIFEAT Field Project Outline, you are requested to notify Headquarters whether or not you wish their clearances to be kept active for future use in the Project. Please forward Agent Service Records on those who have been terminated.

2. You are also requested to submit an Agent Service Record for LIMESTONE-10 who, according to the referenced dispatch, was terminated last year for security reasons.

OLIVER G. GALBOND

5 June 1959

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5 June 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: CI/OA

SUBJECT : Change of Cryptonyms for LIFEAT Indigenous Personnel

The following agents under the LIFEAT Project have been assigned new cryptonyms as follows:

LIMEWATER	OC 739	LIFEUD-1
LIMEWATER-1	C-50649	LIFEUD-2
LIMEWATER-2	C-[illegible]4357	LIFEUD-3
LIMITATION-3	OC 6970	LIFEUD-4
LIQUATION	OC 7495	LIFEUD-5
LILACF	C-30405	LIFEUD-6
LIMESTONE-4	C-31[illegible]9	LIFEUD-7
LIPSTICK-18	C-33182	LIFEUD-8
LIMESTONE-8	C-45672	LIFEUD-9
LIMESTONE-9	C-50464	LIFEUD-10
LIQUATION-2	C-50455	LIFEUD-11
LIPSTICK-35	C-50157	LIFEUD-12
LIPSTICK-37	C-50750	LIFEUD-13
LIQUATION-1	C-38015	LIFEUD-14
LIQUATION-3	C-540[illegible]6	LIFEUD-15
LIMEWATER-6	C-70322	LIFEUD-16

R. N. Dahlgren
Chief, WH/III

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HEADQUARTERS FILE NO.: 50-6-32/1

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TO: Chief, WHD

INFO:

FROM: Chief of Station, Mexico

DATE: 22 May 1959

SUBJECT: LIFEAT Project Renewal Request

RE "43" - (CHECK "X" ONE)

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ACTION REQUIRED: Renewal of Project LIFEAT for FY 1960

REFERENCE(S): REF: HMM-W-6820, 24 Sept. 1958

1. There is attached a Review of Project LIFEAT for the period 1 July 1958 to 30 June 1959.

2. Part I of the Outline has been revised this year. Station Mexico felt that with the number of revisions which have been made since a complete project renewal request was submitted for FY 1958, this was warranted. It should be noted that for purposes of uniformity all indigenous personnel in the LIFEAT complex have now been given on cryptonym and at present this breakdown goes from /1 to /16. Any future personnel changes will be added to this numbering series.

3. Part II is submitted in its entirety.

4. It is requested that Project LIFEAT be renewed for FY 1960 for the amount indicated herein.

Willard C. CURTIS

Attachments: 1. Odd pages (5 sets)
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Attachment to
HMM-A-12936
KAPOK-1631

PROJECT REVIEW - LIFEAT

1. Product of the Project

The Soviet Embassy

a. Soviet Commercial Activities;

During the past year reports submitted from screening the LIFEAT/LIMERICK take of the two established Soviet commercial offices have provided a great amount of detail concerning Soviet efforts to sell in the Latin American market. Following is a list of a few of the reports submitted as a result of the intelligence gained from this source;

HMM-3[illegible], 27 Aug. 1958 - Soviet Commercial Activities in Mexico

HMM-3[illegible], 21 Jan. 1959, Soviet Commercial Activities in Mexico

MEXI-[illegible], 2 Feb. 1959, Identity of Soviet Technician

HMM-[illegible]2, 18 Feb. 1959, Soviet Commercial Activities in Mexico

HMM-[illegible], 18 Mar. 1959, Soviet Commercial Activities in Mexico

HMM-[illegible], 10 Apr. 1959, Commercial Contact of USSR and Poland in Mexico

HMM-[illegible], 17 Apr. 1959, Soviet Commercial Activities in Mexico.

b. Soviet Diplomatic Activities;

This project has provided coverage and details of some of the diplomatic activities of the Soviets in Mexico. It has served to show the relationships maintained, culturally, socially and diplomatically between the Soviets and the members of the Satellite establishments in Mexico.

HMM-A-11723, 17 Dec. 1958, Soviet Embassy Reception on 7 Nov. 1958

HMM-A-11794, 24 Dec. 1958, Soviet Delegates to Inauguration of President Adolfo LOPEZ Mateos

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c. Soviet Cultural Activities:

Information produced by LIFEAT has given details of Soviet activities in connection with cultural activities. Examples of such reports are:

HMM-A-11594, 26 Nov. 1958, Soviet Representative at World Film Festival Held in Mexico City, 10-28 Oct. 1958 - Ivan A. PYRYEV

HMM-A-12225, 25 Feb. 1959, Soviet Participants in Pablo CASALS International Competition Held in Jalapa 18 Jan. - 1 Feb. 1959

HMM-3923 , 31 Dec. 1958, Pablo CASALS Participants

HMM-4004, 2 Feb. 1959, Pablo CASALS Competition Participants

MEXI-3634, 2 Apr. 1959, Contact with Chinese Ballet Troupe

d. Movement of Soviet Officials:

Through LIFEAT coverage a roster of Soviet personnel currently in Mexico has been maintained by Station Mexico. This has been the primary source of such information. LIFEAT has enabled the Station to determine in advance when departures can be expected and has also been a factor in determining job assignments and replacements for departing personnel.

e. Soviet Embassy Contacts:

Contact reports of the Soviets are compiled and provided for Headquarters as necessary. These reports are of considerable operational value in identifying regular and/or occasional local and foreign contacts of the Soviets. Following are examples of this type of coverage:

HMM-A-12295, 4 Mar. 1959, Soviet Contacts in Mexico - Haile ATSBEHA, Ethiopian

HMM-A-11838, 7 Jan. 1959 - Orville M. MULLIKIN

f. Personality Reports on Soviet Officials;

LIFEAT has provided the Station with the most productive source of information concerning the private and official lives of the Soviets assigned to Mexico. These reports have been submitted on individuals, e.g., HMM-A-11463, 5 Nov. 1958, Activities of Yevgeniy M. POPOV, Third Secretary, Soviet Embassy, Mexico City, June 1957 - October 1958; HMM-A-11669, 10 Dec. 1958, Boris G. PUTILIN, Employee, Military Attache Office, Mexico City; HMM-A-12755, 30 April 1959, Boris M. STRELTSOV, and HMM-A-12000, 28 Jan. 1959, Aleksandr M. BROVKIN.

g. Goods and Services;

Information on Goods and Services obtained from LIFEAT was used in Project LIMESA.

h. Miscellaneous Activities of the Soviet Embassy;

LIFEAT material which does not fall into any one category but which deals with the Soviets and their associates and related activities has been reported as necessary.

The Czech Legation

The information obtained on the Czech Legation during the period under review is essentially the same as that from the Soviet Embassy. Representative of the reports submitted from this information are the following personnel reports;

HMM-A-12069, 4 Feb. 1959, Alois LICEK

HMM-A-12067, 4 Feb. 1959, Jaroslav KREJZA

HMM-A-12091, 4 Feb. 1959, Bedrich PISTORA and

HMM-A-12128, 11 Feb. 1959, Oldrich SPORCR.

The Polish Legation

Information on this installation parallels that on the Czech and Soviet installations. The largest amount of information concerning

the Polish Legation has been procured from LIFEAT. Following are examples of reports from this source;

HMM-A-12420, 18 Mar. 1959, Contacts of Aleksandr BEKIER, Polish Counselor

HMM-A-10883, 20 Aug. 1958, Mieczyslaw WLODAREK, Polish Minister

HMM-A-12376, 11 Mar. 1959, Antonio O. MARCEYNSKY

HMM-A-12393, 11 Mar. 1959, Polish Legation publication.

Mexican Communist Party and Communist Fronts

A significant amount of information concerning the Communist Party in Mexico and the Communist front organizations in Mexico was obtained from LIFEAT. Information from LIFEAT has been invaluable in supplementing agent coverage of the front-organizations which exist here. Examples of this type reporting include;

HMM-A-11411, The Narciso BASSOIS Family and Polish Legation

HMM-A-11412, 5 Nov. 1958, Travel of Narciso BASSOIS.

American Communists in Mexico

Most of these targets have been covered at the request of ODENVY and the production has been partially processed by them. A total of 572 reels was provided them for processing during a 10-month period ending 30 April 1959. Samples of the reporting done from this source include;

HMM-A-12719, 24 April 1959, Noah and Anna SEBORER

HMM-A-12013, 28 Jan. 1959, Anna and Noah SEBORER

HMM-A-12460, 20 Mar. 1959, Albert MALTZ

HMM-A-11851, 7 Jan. 1959, Albert MALTZ.

Foreign Dissident Groups in Mexico

LIFEAT provided partial coverage of Cuban exile groups and gave current information on the status of the "26 July Movement" prior to its overthrow of the BATISTA government in Cuba and has continued to

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provide information on the current status of the Cubans in Mexico.

LAURICLE Information

LIFEAT has contributed materially to several matters having LAURICLE interest.

Counter-Intelligence Information

CI/CE matters constitute a major portion of the Mexico City Station's priority objectives. Project LIFEAT has contributed to the attainment of these objectives. The two BGMORNING installations have provided valuable information for the responsible Case Officer on the matters involved therein.

Conclusion

The Mexico City Station believes that the product of the LIFEAT Project measured against the expenditure of KUBARK assets in terms of personnel, time, security risks and funds well justifies its renewal. The information produced by this operation has materially contributed to several priority objectives of the Station's Related Mission Directive.

2. Progress of the Operation

Definite progress has been made in reporting on the objectives of the LIFEAT Project. However, since LIFEAT objectives are of a continuing nature and are not designed to be achieved, no statistics can be cited as to the percentage of coverage on each objective. A general indication of the coverage can be derived when it is realized that some 10,000 pages of raw text in 10 months are the direct result of the operation from which the statistics cited above were derived. Except for a period in July and August 1958, following the termination of members of the James O. AYCALL family, LIFEAT has been in daily operation with some 12-16 lines being covered. These may be broken down as follows:

Soviet Embassy	5 lines
Czech Legation	2 lines(moved during this period and only in operation for approximately 2 months)
Polish Legation	3 lines(third installed in April 1959)
American Communists	3 lines
Remainder	5 lines.

3. Planning for the Future

During the coming year Station capabilities will be expanded to permit monitoring of approximately 24 lines. Basic coverage of Soviet, Czech and Polish activities will be continued to the maximum extent possible and assets and capabilities will be maintained for exploiting important targets of opportunity. At the present time and with the new system effected for LIFEAT lines, Station believes that 24 will be the maximum number of lines which can be properly handled and handled securely by the personnel currently available for LIFEAT.

4. Performance of Agents

In general the performance of the LIFEAT agents has been good and secure during the past year. The personnel from the AYCALL group were terminated during this period and compartmentation has been employed in the re-assignment of tasks among LIFEAT chain. In view of the high degree of security necessary for the personnel involved in this operation, it is planned to screen very carefully any possible candidates before they are approached for use in this operation after prior approval has been procured from Headquarters for an approach.

5. Expenditures during Period under Review

Approval was granted for the period under review, 1 July 1958 - 30 June 1958 to spend $159,590.00. The proposed LIFEAT budget for FY 1960 is contained in the attached Field Project Outline Part II.

6. Status of Commitments

There are no commitments other than those provided for in the outline and the individual contracts of several LIFEAT personnel.

PROJECT OUTLINE

PROJECT: LIFEAT

PART I

1. Area of Operations

This project is run from the Mexico City Station. It is concerned with targets located in Mexico City.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this project is to determine Sino-Soviet and Satellite plans, activities and connections with other Communist elements through the use of technical surveillance. This purpose is in consonance with the Related Mission Directive for Mexico, Priority A, Objective One.

3. Background

Project LIFEAT was initially approved on 3 October 1950. Actual operations began 18 January 1951 and have run continuously since that time. The LIFEAT Project was begun with the installation of one telephone tap and has been expanded since that time to where the present coverage averages 18 lines.

Project LIFEAT is a unilateral operation. It is completely independent from any liaison arrangement and is staffed by KUBARK staff and contract employees with a substantial number of local indigenous controlled agents.

During the past eight years Project LIFEAT has produced more than 55,000 pages of operational and intelligence information in direct support of the Mexico City Station's objectives specifically and has contributed materially to the intelligence gathering activities connected with the Sino-Soviet and Satellite Bloc. In addition, Project LIFEAT has been of considerable value and assistance in monitoring the activities of Americans residing in Mexico City in which ODENVY has major interest.

4. References

a. HMM-A-10198, 31 May 1958, Renewal Request for FY 1959

b. HMM-W-6820, 24 Sept. 1958, Approval of Renewal Request for FY 1959.

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5. Objectives

a. To identify Soviet and Satellite intelligence personnel and to collect information on the nature and extent of their clandestine intelligence and propaganda activities in Mexico.

b. To collect information on Soviet and Satellite commercial, diplomatic, cultural and military personnel and their activities in Mexico.

c. To collect biographic information on Soviet and Satellite officials.

d. To collect information on the movements, assignments and positions of Soviet and Satellite personnel.

e. To collect information on prominent Mexico Communists and pro-Communists and their activities.

f. To collect information on prominent Communists, other than Mexicans, active in Mexico and to identify them and their associates.

g. To collect information on exile groups active in Mexico.

h. To collect information on targets of opportunity in Mexico.

6. Targets

For objectives "a" through "d" -

a. Selected Soviet Embassy and commercial office telephone conversations.

b. Selected Satellite office and home phones.

For objective "e" -

c. Telephone conversations from the residences of senior Communists or pro-Communists.

For objective "f" -

d. Telephone conversations from the residences of known American Communists.

For objective "g"

e. Telephone conversations emanating from the residences and/or offices of selected targets, i.e., LIERODE, in Mexico.

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For objective "h" -

f. Telephone conversations which can be monitored of targets of opportunity, e.g., BOMORNING.

7. <u>Tasks</u>

Case Officer - Edward P. SECHEN

Asst. Case Officer - Gene F. BRADDOCK

a. Supervise the operational and administrative activities of all LIFEAT staff, contract and indigenous personnel.

b. Maintain awareness and provide direction in all operational matters pertaining to the management of the LIFEAT Project.

c. Provide guidance and day-to-day supervision of the operational phases ~~LIFEAT/LIMERICK, LITMUS, LIVERY~~, LIERODE, BOMORNING and American Communist Group in Mexico activities.

d. Coordinate information received from LIMERICK with other Station operations.

e. Maintain LIFEAT capabilities for mounting operations against targets of opportunity.

f. Maintain supervision over basehouses and training of the personnel therein.

8. <u>Coordination</u>

a. Information produced by LIFEAT is closely coordinated with other operations at the Mexico City Station. No operational coordination is required with any other area but they are kept informed of any information produced by LIFEAT which may be of interest to them.

b. Project LINOG, which supports David M. WILSTED, who is the principal outside LIFEAT Case Officer, is effected in coordination with Project LIFEAT.

c. Project BESMOOTH which supports Woodrow D. ENABSOT, the [illegible] from the [illegible] has [illegible] effected in coordination with Project LIFEAT. [illegible]

9. <u>Personnel</u>

a. Staff Agents;

Ralph B. RAFANELLI - under unofficial commercial cover(201-176295)

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b. Contract Agents/Employees:

1. David M. *WILSTED(201-009195) - principal outside case officer
2. Alice M. *CAILLETEAU(201-119967) - clerical work C-47041
3. Olivia N. *GLADMON(201-117751) - processes tapes and does clerical work
4. Carol K. *ZINSMEISTER(201-117968) - processes major portion of LIFEAT take.
5. Wallace L. *KAWOHL(201-033959) - basehouse operator
6. Leona C. *GANDARA(201-) - LIFEAT clipping
7. ~~Woodrow D. *GABBOT(201-144465) - processor for LITMUS take~~

c. Field Agents:

*LIFEUD-1 formerly LIMEWATER(201-183704) OA 17 Oct. 1950

*LIFEUD-2 formerly LIMEWATER-1(201-117970) OA 14 Aug. 1951

*LIFEUD-3 formerly LIMEWATER-2(201-117971) OA 14 Dec. 1953

*LIFEUD-4 formerly LIMITATION-3(201-117743) OA 1 Oct. 1953

*LIFEUD-5 formerly LIQUATION(201-117744) OA 16 Dec. 1953

*LIFEUD-6 formerly LILACS(201-117978) OA 28 Sept. 1954

*LIFEUD-7 formerly LIMESTONE-4(201-117980) OA 21 Oct. 1954

*LIFEUD-8 formerly LIPSTICK-13(201-119521) OA 31 Mar. 1955

*LIFEUD-9 formerly LIMESTONE-8(201-117984) OA 27 Apr. 1956

*LIFEUD-10 formerly LIMESTONE-9(201-114085) OA 13 Sept. 1956

*LIFEUD-11 formerly LIQUATION-2(201-113595) OA 21 Aug. 1956

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*LIFEUD-12 formerly LIPSTICK-35(201-113596) OA 6 Aug. 1956 C-50157

*LIFEUD-13 formerly LIPSTICK-37(201-115833) OA 13 Sept. 1956 C-50150

*LIFEUD-14 formerly LIQUATION-1(201-117972) OA 26 Sept. 1956 C-38215

*LIFEUD-15 formerly LIQUATION-3(201-126315) OA 19 Jan. 1957 C-54096

*LIFEUD-16 formerly LIMEWATER-6(201-222786) OA 2 July 1958. C-70322

d. Personnel dropped from the Project:

Following indigenous personnel were terminated for security reasons during FY 1959:

LIMESTONE-1
LIMESTONE-2
LIMESTONE-3
LIMESTONE-5
LIMESTONE-7
LIMESTONE-10.

Frances M. MENZIE resigned during FY 1959.
Omar N. DELACRUZ is not now active but her clearance is being kept open.
Daniel K. BROMUND returned PCS to Headquarters during this period.
Louise J. MARINO was transferred to LIEMPTY Project in February 1959.

10. Operational Clearances

Please see 9.

11. Cover

~~Woodrow D. CABBOT enjoys fictional cover as Researcher for a PBPRIME Research Council.~~

Other cover remains the same as that submitted in HMM-A-7063 except for David M. WILSTED who is engaged in insurance business since he has procured his "Inmigrado" status.

12. Contact and Communications

a. Daily contact and communications between the Case Officer and the agents and undercover personnel in this Project is maintained in a clandestine manner. Various patterns have been established by which the agents and case officers follow pre-arranged signals for meetings. When heavy or bulky material is to be passed, pre-arranged

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meetings are held at night. All movement in and out of bases by the Case Officers and Principal Agents is done in cars ostensibly owned by agents except in the case of LIVERY where agents are too old to drive. One of the indigenous agents is used to contact LIVERY base. Entrance to bases on foot is made only in great emergencies.

b. Telephonic contact concerning the Project and with agents is kept to a minimum and code is used for phone conversations between Case Officers and agents.

c. Alternate and emergency signals have been arranged.

d. In general these systems of contact and communication appear to be suitable for the Project and function adequately from a security viewpoint. Locations and times of meetings are changed frequently to prevent discovery.

13. Control and Motivation

Control and motivation seem to be based on two factors primarily; ideological and monetary. A third controlling factor would be fear of reprisal from local police should discovery occur.

14. Equipment and Support

It is believed probable that a great deal of replacement equipment will be required by the Project during FY 1960 since much of the current equipment installed and working has been in use for the length of the Project and since this equipment is no longer being manufactured, replacement parts will be unobtainable soon and new units will be required.

15. Timetable

LIFEAT has been in almost constant operation since its inception in January 1951 and it is planned to continue it indefinitely.

PROJECT OUTLINE

PART II

PROJECT: LIFEAT

17. Estimated Costs

The following costs are estimated for FY 1960. All figures are in U.S. dollars per year. It will be noted that owing to the rise in the cost of living and especially to much higher rents and to intended expansion, LIFEAT costs will be higher than in the past.

a. Salaries:

1. Staff and Contract Personnel

Ralph B. RAFANELLI, GS-9	
Salary	$5985.00
Quarters	2304.00
~~Woodrow D. GABBOT~~	
~~Salary~~	~~9890.00**~~
~~**(Since this subject's contract has not been received, this figure is based on statement he is GS-13 and minimum figure taken)~~	
~~Quarters~~	~~1728.00~~
Translator(LIMERICK) GS-12 not yet named(This is established in hopes that the Project will be able to live-monitor portion of LIMERICK traffic)	
Salary	8330.00
Quarters	2400.00
Transportation	1000.00
HHE move	1500.00
Carol K. ZINSMEISTER - salary	5400.00
Alice N. CAILLETEAU - salary	2000.00
Olivia N. GIADMON - piecework	4200.00
Wallace L. KANOHL - salary	1728.00
Leona C. GANDARA - salary	900.00
TOTAL	$47,365.00

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2.	Field Agents	Presently	Possible Raise
	LIFEUD-1	$5764.61	
	LIFEUD-2	2498.00	
	LIFEUD-3	1633.00	
	LIFEUD-1's helper	144.12	
	LIFEUD-4	1921.54	
	LIFEUD-5	3650.92	
	LIFEUD-6	3000.00	
	LIFEUD-7	2113.69	
	LIFEUD-8	1921.54	
	LIFEUD-9	1633.31	
	LIFEUD-10 no salary		
	LIFEUD-11 no salary		
	LIFEUD-12 no salary		
	LIFEUD-13 no salary		
	LIFEUD-14	3650.92	
	LIFEUD-15	768.61	
	LIFEUD-16	960.77	

(Due to continued increases in cost of living, it is expected than an over-all raise of 10% will be made during FY 1960 to the agents above listed. Adjustments will be made in peso amounts should devaluation of the peso occur during FY 1960) $3300.00

Christmas bonus (In accordance with local custom this amounts to one-month's pay for each agent) and gifts where necessary $3,000.00

TOTAL $35,961.03

b. Basehouse rentals, utilities and expenses

LIMERICK Main Base	$1969.55	
LIVERY Relay Base	585.00	
ANNEX IV	3000.00	
ANNEX VI	2260.00	
ANNEX VII	2000.00	
ANNEX VIII	3375.00	
Proposed basehouse	3500.00	
TOTAL		$16,689.55

c. Equipment

Local purchase of emergency and special equipment	$2500.00	
New equipment, i.e., reels, recorders	3000.00	
TOTAL		$5,500.00

d. Miscellaneous

1. Supplies(paper,rolls,etc.)2000.00

2. Transportation

RAFANELLI QP car	600.00
ZI SMEISTER mileage	400.00
LIFEUD-7 car rent	675.00
LIFEUD-5 car rent	290.00
LIFEUD-8 car rent	675.00
LIFEUD-14 car rent	290.00
TOTAL	2930.00

3. Other operational expenses(to cover loss of deposits, fatalities, serious emergencies, separation payments, medical payments, emergency moving bills, renovation of basehouses and expenses involved in covering targets of opportunity)
25,000.00

TOTAL	29,930.00
GRAND TOTAL	$135,445.50

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEXICO CITY

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DATE: 13 MAY 1959

TO : Chief of Station, Mexico City

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FROM : Chief, WHD

SUBJECT - LIFEAT Project Renewal

ACTION REQUIRED - See below.

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REFERENCE(S)

HMMW-6820, 24 September 1958

Project LIFEAT expires on 30 June 1959. It is requested that the Station's request for the Project renewal be submitted to Headquarters prior to the expiration date.

OLIVER G. GALBOND

11 May 1959

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REFERENCE(S)

a. HMMA-10198, 31 May 1958
b. HMMW-6555, 3 July 1958
c. MEXI-2031, 22 July 1958

1. Project LIFEAT was renewed on 9 September 1958 for the period 1 July 1958 through 30 June 1959 for a total of $159,590.

2. KUTUBE/OPS recommended that the Station make an increased effort to reduce the amount of paper work for the case officer to allow him sufficient time to go beyond the surveillance-investigative phase of handling the many operational leads and be in a position for more agent recruitment efforts. KUTUBE suggested that several of the lines which are of marginal value be deactivated, temporarily at least, to assist in this effort.

3. The project review forwarded with HMMA-10198 was submitted for approval as prepared in the field with the exception of Part II which had to be retyped in view of the number of changes and additions required. The only changes made in the Project review - LIFEAT section was the deletion of several examples of reports originating from several LIFEAT sources. These deletions (such as the last five examples of reports on Soviet Commercial Activities) were made because the reports did not originate with LIFEAT eventhough they did concern the Subject being discussed. Part I of the Project Outline excerpts submitted by the field was also submitted for approval--the only change made was the omission of the field's request for a change in paragraph 6 of the Project Outline on Objectives. Headquarters did not think subparagraph "f" should be deleted.

4. Attached for our information and records is a complete copy of the Renewal Request. It is requested that you review the memorandum, "WH Division's Comments on the LIFEAT Project Renewal", and the new Part II, paying particular attention to the personnel included therein. This request is being made in view of the conflicting information Headquarters received from the Station Case Officer who was on TDY in Headquarters (DIR 31900-16 July 1958) and from the field (MEXI-2031) in reply to HMMW-6555.

OLIVER G. GALBOND

19 September 1958

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REF: HMMW 6555

1. PARA 1. ONLY LIEDDY TO BE USED.

2. PARA 2. SUBJECTS IDENTICAL. NO PLANS TO USE.

3. PARA 3. LIMESTONE 10 NOT USED. HUSBANDS SERVICES TERMINATED 15 JULY 58. LIPSTICK 37 NO RECORD EMPLOYMENT AT STATION. LIMESTONE 9 WITTING BUT NEVER USED PER STATION RECORDS.

4. PARA 4. NEW LICOOL PROJECT BEING WRITTEN. DO NOT INCLUDE WITH LIFEAT.

5. PARA 5. SUBJS OF MEXI 1816 (IN 44759) FIRED 15 JULY. PLAN TO REPLACE SO PLEASE ALLOW FOR REPLACEMENTS.

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24 July 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Project LIFEAT/LIMERICK

REFERENCE: Memorandum for Chief, SR from Chief, WH/III dated 2 July 1958

According to a telephone call from Herb Manell of SR/10 on 23 July 1958 SR Division believes that information produced by Project LIFEAT on the RIS and the Soviets is most valuable. He stated that this project is the chief source of information other than physical surveillance.

The only recommendation that SR Division would make is that the field be more selective in the reporting that is transmitted to Headquarters. (This recommendation has already been passed to the field)

John B. Brady
C/WH/Mexico

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17 July 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, WH/III

SUBJECT : LITMUS Phase of LIFEAT Project

REFERENCE : WH/III Memorandum dated 2 July 1958

1. Due to a period of dormancy, the LITMUS phase of the LIFEAT Project has furnished a relatively small amount of reporting, during the past year, concerning BEDOX officials and their activities in Mexico. While small in quantity, the information furnished has been of considerable operational value because of the nature of the operation and the fact that it serves as a major source of data on the BEDOX target. The LITMUS operation has furnished accurate travel data, information on the function and scope of activity engaged in by the BEDOX personalities we are interested in and has helped us determine the number of contacts the BEDOX installation maintains with the local citizenry in the course of its activities. In the last case, the LITMUS operation has linked a local citizen, long suspected of Soviet Bloc intelligence activity, with one known and one suspected BEDOX intelligence officer serving under diplomatic cover in Mexico. This local citizen is now the subject of an extensive effort to prove his Soviet Bloc intelligence role and to determine the extent of his activity. Finally, the LITMUS operation has begun to furnish valuable operational data on a BEDOX personality who has recently arrived to assume a consular post. This particular BEDOX official was recommended to the field as a target of interest because of his past intelligence background. We feel confident that the LITMUS operation will aid considerably in our effort to monitor the activities of this individual.

2. Now that the LITMUS phase of the LIFEAT operation has, once again, begun to function, we believe that the information obtained therefrom will show a steady increase in operational value during the coming year.

PETER K. HEIMANN
Chief, EE/P

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16 July 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, WH/III

SUBJECT: Project LIFEAT

REFERENCE: Memorandum for Chief, EE/Czechoslovakia from Chief, WH/III, subject as above, dated 2 July 1958

Before its suspension in January 1958, the LIVERY phase of Project LIFEAT provided biographic data on the members of the Czech Legation in Mexico City which EE/C found useful in the evaluation of these individuals as possible targets. If the LIVERY phase of the project is resumed, it is anticipated that it would continue to provide similarly useful information. For this reason EE/C is interested in seeing Project LIFEAT renewed.

PHILO [illegible]
Chief, EE/Czechoslovakia

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NO NEED REPLY PARAS ONE, TWO, THREE, FIVE REF. DISCUSSED WITH SECHEN. LICOOL NOT INCLUDED LIFEAT RENEWAL REQUEST. RE PARA FOUR REF HQS DOES NOT THINK LICOOL FALLS UNDER OBJECTIVES, TARGETS, ETC MKCHARITY PROJ NOR IS IT AN OP WHICH SHOULD BE FUNDED BY KURIOT. THEREFORE SINCE STATION WISHES WITHDRAW LICOOL FROM LIFEAT REQUEST NEW PROJ SOONEST SO LICOOL EXPENSES CAN BE COVERED BY APPROVED PROJ.

END OF MESSAGE

J. C. KING, C/WHD
RELEASING OFFICER

COORDINATING OFFICERS

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R. H. DAHLGREN, C/WH/III
AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

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MEMORANDUM FOR: FI/OPS - Projects Branch

CRYPTONYM : LIFEAT

DIVISION : Western Hemisphere

STATION : Mexico City

HEADQUARTERS CASE OFFICER

Name: J. R. Brady

Room: 1211, Barton Hall

Ext.: 2355

Date: 15 July 1958

1. It is requested that the LIFEAT Project be renewed for the period 1 July 1958 through 30 June 1959 for a total of ~~$159,589.76~~. 157,590 156,055 IMF

2. Attached is a Project Review of LIFEAT which was prepared by the field, a memorandum giving WH Division comments on the LIFEAT Project Renewal, and revisions to those sections of the Field Project Outline Part I which have changed since last year when a new Project Outline was submitted. A new Part II containing a detailed breakdown of the estimated costs for FY 1959 is also attached.

ROBERT N. DAHLGREN, C/WH/III

J. C. KING, C/WHD

Attachments:
- WH Division Comments on LIFEAT Project Renewal
- Project Review - LIFEAT
- Project Outline Part I (Excerpts)
- Project Outline Part II
- Folder with past Renewals
- Form 680 (in quad)
- Envelope with true names

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WH Division Comments on LIFEAT Project Renewal

1. At the end of January 1958, telephone linemen discovered our tap on the LIENVOY installation leading into one of our base houses. As a result of this all LIFEAT operations were suspended as of 31 January and 1 February 1958 pending the outcome of what appeared to be an involved investigation by the Mexican Telephone Company. The LIMEWATER's disclosed that the telephone company was not investigating the situation and the operation was secure. The first line from the LIMERICK group was put in again on 17 March 1958. During the same month coverage of one American Communist was also re-instated. As of the end of April, the Station had coverage on the following lines: 3 LIMERICK, 1 LITHOGRAPHERS, 1 LITMUS, 1 American Communist, 1 Target of Opportunity, and 1 Mexican Soviet Contact. Since the partial re-instatement of LIFEAT coverage there has been no indication that suspicion of the activity exists on the part of the Mexican Telephone Company or security services. In order to provide more secure LIFEAT coverage, a new system of installation of technical surveillance is now in effect. This system prohibits the opposition from detecting any LIFEAT lines with a voltage meter.

2. The following new personnel have been included in this Project renewal request:

a. LIEMPTY (Leona C. GANDARA - ps), a U. S. citizen and wife of a Staff Agent, was issued CSA on 24 June 1958 as a LIFEAT processor. The field is preparing a contract for her. (C-61557)

b. LIMENU-1 (Janet N. DELACOUR - ps), a U. S. citizen, was issued an Operational Approval on 31 January 1958 for use as a LIFEAT processor. She is motivated by patriotic loyalty. Financial remuneration will provide additional control. The field has been requested to prepare a formal contract for her. (C-64393)

c. LIMEWATER-6 is an employee of the Mexican Telephone Company and is LIMEWATER's assistant. His motivation at this time is believed to be financial. A POA was granted LIMEWATER-6 on 14 May 1958. An Operational Approval has been requested. (C-70322)

d. LIQUATION-4, wife of LIQUATION-1, occupies a basehouse with her husband. She received an OA on 2 October 1957. She will receive no remuneration.

3. LIMESTONE-9, LIMESTONE-10, LIQUATION-2, LIPSTICK-35, LIPSTICK-37 and LIMITATION-7 are still active under Project LIFEAT. They receive no remuneration. Therefore, their names do not appear on the list of LIFEAT agents on the attached Part II of the Project Outline.

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4. LIMITATION-5 (C-24845) and LIMITATION-6 (C-39418) who were included under Project LIFEAT when it was last renewed, have been withdrawn from this project and were included under the LIESTICK Project renewal which was approved on 3 December 1957.

5. The LICOOL phase has been removed from Project LIFEAT since these two technical operations are completely compartmented. The funding for LICOOL and its facilities will be covered by another project.

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KAPOK-1401

PROJECT REVIEW - LIFEAT

1. Product of the Project

The Soviet Embassy -

a. Soviet Commercial Activities:

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~~HMM-A-9519 - American Cyanid Co., Jalco Chemical Division~~

b. Soviet Diplomatic Activities:

This project has provided coverage and details of some of the diplomatic activities of the Soviets in Mexico. It has served to show the relationships maintained, culturally, socially and diplomatically, between the Soviets and the members of the Satellite establishments in Mexico.

HMM-3215, Soviet Attendance at Yugoslav Reception
HMM-3351 - Reception at Soviet Embassy.
HMM-2992 - Diplomatic Activities of Soviet Embassy, Mexico City
HMM-2849 - Diplomatic Activities of Soviet Embassy, Mexico City

c. Soviet Cultural Activities:

Information produced by LIFEAT has given details of Soviet activities in connection with publications, cultural institutes, and related activities. Examples of such reports are:

HMM-2870 - Soviet Embassy Reception for Mexican Musicians
HMM-2847 - Cultural & Propaganda Activities of Soviet Embassy
HMM-3080, Cultural & Propaganda Activities of Soviet Embassy

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d. Soviet Military Activities:

Monthly reports on the activities of Soviet military personnel, knowledge of which was obtained from LIFEAT, and their contacts in military circles in Mexico have proved to be of especial interest to ODYOKE service attaches in Mexico.

e. Movements of Soviet Officials:

Through LIFEAT coverage a roster of Soviet personnel presently in Mexico has been maintained by Station Mexico. This has been the primary source of such information. LIFEAT has enabled the Station to determine in advance when departures can be expected for the Soviets, prior to their permanent departure, normally stock up on clothing and occasionally other items throught to be in short supply in the USSR.

f. Soviet Embassy Contacts:

Contacts reports of the Soviets are compiled and provided Headquarters as necessary. These reports are of considerable operation value in identifying local and foreign Communists with whom the Soviets are in regular contact. Following are examples of this type of coverage:

HMM-2841 - MONTES y BRADLEY (fnu)
HMM-3199 - Narciso BASSOLS Contacts with the Soviet Embassy.

g. Personality Reports on Soviet Officials:

LIFEAT has provided the Station with the most productive source of information concerning the private and official lives of the Soviets assigned here. These reports have been submitted on dindividuals, e.g. HMM-A-9504, Aleksey N. CHERKASOV, and also under one cover, HMM-A-9656, January 1958 Report of Personnel Activities.

h. Goods and Services:

Periodic reports of the persons and institutions known to be providing goods and services to the Soviet Embassy have been of considerable value in developing and mounting a LAURICLE operation. Information of this type has also been of considerable value to the Station in the LIMZSA operation.

i. Miscellaneous Activities of the Soviet Embassy:

LIFEAT material which does not fall into any one category but which deals with the Soviets and their associates and related activities has been reported as necessary.

The Czech Legation

The information obtained on the Czech Legation during the period under review is essentially the same as that from the Soviet Embassy. To avoid repetition, only a brief summary of the information submitted will be given here.

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a. Czech Personnel Reports:

HMM-3164, Activities of Zdenek K[illegible] and HMM-3238, Travel of Czech Legation personnel, are examples of the type of reports made from the personality and activity information acquired from LIFEAT coverage of this installation. HMM-3262, Cocktail Party at Czech Residence, is an example of the reports from this source on diplomatic activities of this installation.

b. Spot Reports on Czech Legation Activities:

Reports on a spot basis which were of interest included:

~~HMM-3074, Czech Concern over Possible Expulsion from Mexico.~~
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Polish Legation

Information on this installation closely parallels that obtained on the Czech Legation and the Soviet installations. The largest amount of information concerning the Polish installation has been procured from LIFEAT. An example of reports from this source is HMM-3161, Leon KILARSKI, Polish Commercial Attache. Another is HMM-3130, Suspicious Contact of Edward RUDSKI, Josef Isaak GENSCHAFT.

Mexican Communist Party and Communist Fronts

A significant amount of information concerning the Communist Party in Mexico and the Communist front organizations in Mexico was obtained from LIFEAT. Information from LIFEAT has been invaluable in supplementing agent coverage of the front-organizations which exist here. Examples of this type of reporting are as follows:

HMM-3193 - Narciso BASSOLS and Family;
HMM-3176 - Travel of Pro-Communists

American Communists in Mexico:

One of the most extensive and productive coverages maintained through LIFEAT during this past year was directed against American Communists in Mexico. Most of these targets have been covered at the request of ODENVY and the production has been partially processed by them for the justification of one of their slots in their local establishment. A total of 361 reels have been the result of the coverage since 1 July 1957 until 25 April 1958.

Foreign Communists in Mexico and Mexican Communists:

LIFEAT continued to provide partial coverage of Eduardo MACHADO Morales, Venezuelan Communist, until the time of his departure for return to Venezuela. LIFEAT also provided some 50 reels of coverage on Diego RIVERA, well-known Communist Mexican painter, until his dealth in November 1957. From this coverage it was determined that RIVERA was sufficiently concerned over the departure of the former Soviet Cultural Attache, Yuriy PAPOROV, that he arose from his sick bed in order to make the trip to Veracruz by car to insure that PAPOROV's departure was without incident.

LAURICLE Information:

LIFEAT has contributed materially to several matters having LAURICLE interest.

Counter Intelligence Information:

CI/CE matters constitute a major portion of the Mexico City Station's priority objectives. Project LIFEAT has contributed more leads and general information on the Soviet aspect of this subject than all other Station sources. A few representative samples of this type of information are the following:

HMM-A-9121, Suspicious Soviet Contact
HMM-A-9135 - Sergio KIRZEV Rassvetaef
HMM-A-8552, Vladimir SOKOLOV; Col. Jesus de LEON Toral, 6 November 1957
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Jewish Communist Activities:

Coverage of the Jewish Communist leader, Samual MAGIDIN Magidin, has confirmed the continuing decline of the local Jewish Communist movement. It has also provided the Station with information on those former members who continue to meet at irregular intervals on an informal basis.

Conclusion:

The Mexico City Station believes that the produce of the LIFEAT Project measured against the expenditure of KUBARK assets in terms of personnel, time, security risks and funds well justifies its renewal. The information produced by this operation has materially contributed to several priority objectives of the Station's Related Mission Directive.

2. Progress of the Operation -

Definite progress has been made in reporting on the objectives of the LIFEAT Project. However, since LIFEAT objectives are of a continuing nature and are not designed to be achieved, no statistics can be cited as to the percentage of coverage on each objective. A general indication of the coverage can be derived when it is realized that some 15,000 pages of raw text are the direct result of the operation from which the statistics cited above were derived. Except for a period from 1 February - 11 April 1958 LIFEAT has been in daily operation with some 18 to 23 lines being covered. Generally, these may be broken down as follows:

Soviet Embassy -	7 lines
Czech Legation -	2 lines
Polish Legation -	2 lines
American Communists -	5 lines
Remainder -	7 lines

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3. Planning for the Future

During the coming year Station capabilities will be expanded to permit monitoring of approximately 20 lines. Basic coverage of Soviet, Czech and Polish activities will be continued to the maximum extent possible and assets and capabilities will be maintained for exploiting pertinent targets of opportunity. At the present time and with the new system being used for LIFEAT lines, Station believes that 20 will be the maximum number of lines which can be handled properly and securely by the personnel presently assigned here for LIFEAT.

4. Performance of Agents

In general the performance of the LIFEAT agents has been good and secure during the past year. It is hoped that within the coming year the remainder of the [illegible] group will be securely and permanently removed from the Project and replaced by well-compartmented personnel. In view of the high degree of security necessary for the personnel involved in this operation, it is planned to screen very carefully any possible candidates before they are approached for use in this operation after prior approval for an approach has been secured from Headquarters.

Additional comments concerning the production, security and cover of individual agents will be found in the attached amendment to the field outline which was submitted with [illegible]-5708.

5. Expenditures during Period under Review

Approval was granted for the period under review, 1 July 1957 - 30 June 1958, to expend $156,647. The proposed LIFEAT budget for FY 1959 is contained in the attached field project outline Part II.

6. Status of Commitments

There are no commitments other than those provided for in the outline and the individual contracts of several LIFEAT personnel.

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PROJECT OUTLINES
(Excerpts)

PROJECT LIFEAT

3. Background

Project LIFEAT was initially approved 5 October 1950. Actual operations began on 18 January 1951 and have run almost continuously since that time. The LIFEAT operation was begun with the installation of one telephone tap and has since expanded to an average of 23 telephone lines.

Project LIFEAT is a unilateral operation. It is completely independent from any liaison arrangement and it is staffed by KUBARK personnel, both staff and contract, together with a substantial number of local indigenous controlled agents.

During the time of its operation Project LIFEAT has produced more than 50,000 pages of operational and intelligence information in direct support of the Mexico City Station's objectives specifically and has contributed materially to the intelligence gathering activities connected with the Sino-Soviet bloc. In addition, Project LIFEAT has been of considerable value and assistance in monitoring the activities of Americans residing in Mexico City in which ODENVY has an interest and also has, at the direction of Headquarters, installed special taps on targets of opportunity.

4. References

HMM-A-7063, 5 June 1957 - Request for Renewal of Project
HMM-W-5708, 16 December 1957 - Approval of Project for FY 1958.

6. Objectives - ~~Cut "C"~~

7. Tasks

Case Officer - Edward P. SACHEN
Assistant Case Officer - Gene F. BRADDOCK

a. Supervise the operational and administrative activities of all ~~KAPOK~~ LIFEAT staff, contract and indigenous personnel.

b. Maintain awareness and provide direction in all operational matters pertaining to the management of the LIFEAT Project.

c. Provide guidance and day-to-day supervision of the operational phases LIFEAT/LIMERICK, LITHOSPHERE, LIEMUE, LIVERY and American Communist Group in Mexico activities.

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d. Coordinate information received from LIMERICK with other Station operations.

e. Maintain LIFEAT capabilities for mounting operations against targets of opportunity.

f. Maintain supervision over basehouses and training of the personnel therein.

9. <u>Personnel</u>

The following are changes from FY 1958 for FY 1959:

Daniel K. BRONUND arrived at Station Mexico to assume duties as translator of LIFEAT/LIMUS material and relief translator on LIFEAT/LIMERICK.

14. <u>Equipment and Support</u>

It is considered essential that new equipment be provided for LIFEAT for FY 1959 in view of the fact that much of the equipment in current use has been steadily in operation since the inception of the project in 1951. Also, in view of expected expansion of the project and the possibilities of live monitoring, additional equipment in first-class condition will be necessary. A backlog of 10 new recorders and 300 reels along with repair parts is considered a minimum for efficient continuance of the project.

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LIFEAT PROJECT OUTLINE - PART II

17. Estimated Costs

The following costs are estimated for FY 1959. All figures are in U.S. dollars per year. It will be noted that owing to the rise in the cost of living and especially to much higher rents and to intended expansion, LIFEAT costs will be higher than in the past.

a. Salaries:

(1) Staff and Contract Personnel:

Ralph B. RAFANELLI, GS-7 (promotion to GS-9 in the mill)	
Salary	$5985.00
Quarters	2100.00
Daniel K. BRUMUND, GS-12	
Salary	8810.00
Quarters	2100.00
Travel & TDY to border to renew tourist visa & to Washington, D.C. to pick up rentista papers.	400.00
Translator (LIMERICK), GS-12 not yet named (This position has been indicated in view of the hope that the Project will be able to live-monitor at least a portion of LIMERICK traffic. There is a Staff Agent slot available under this project).	
Salary	8000.00
Quarters	2100.00
Transportation	1000.00
HHE move	1500.00
Janet N. DELACOUR (2.02/hr)	4000.00
~~Nadine M. CHAROUSEK~~	~~3000.00~~ Delete
Leona C. GANDARA	4000.00
Carol K. ZINSMEISTER - Salary	5400.00
Francis M. MENZIE - Salary	2504.00
Alice N. CAILLETEAU - Salary	2425.00
Olivia M. GLAMON - Piece work	4200.00
Louise J. MACHIMO - Salary (Will be included under LIPSTICK Project when it is renewed 1 September 1958)	1850.00
TOTAL	56,375 ~~60014.00~~ — 53,375 ~~60014.00~~

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Field Agents	Presently	Possible Raise
LIMEWATER	5284.22	
LIMEWATER/1	2209.77	
LIMEWATER/2	1441.15	
LIMEWATER's helper	144.12	
LIMEWATER/6	960.77	

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Field Agent	Presently	Possible Raise
LIMESTONE/1	1441.15	
LIMESTONE/2	576.46	
LIMESTONE/3	1921.54	
LIMESTONE/4	1922.54	
LIMESTONE/5	768.61	
LIMESTONE/7	1441.15	
LIMESTONE/8	1441.15	
LIPSTICK/18	1729.38	17[illegible]
LIMITATION	1729.38	
LIMITATION/3	1921.54	
LIQUATION	3650.92	
LIQUATION/1	3650.92	
LIQUATION/3	768.61	
LILACS ($2.58 per hr.)	3,000.00	

(Due to recent increases in the cost of living, it is expected that an over-all raise of 10% will be made to agents during FY 1959. In April 1958 a new import tax of 40-60% was imposed by the government with the resultant increase in commodities in general use. Adjustments will be made in peso amounts should the devaluation of the peso occur during this FY. 3,300.00

Christmas bonus and presents 3,000.00
(One month salary to each agent, in accordance with local custom. Also special gifts in some cases.)

Salary total ~~42,302.38~~ 42,305.00

b. Basehouse rentals, utilities and expenses

LIMERICK Basehouse	1729.38
ANNEX IV	3050.00
LIFEAT Repair Base	1540.00
ANNEX II	1452.00
ANNEX III	1360.00
ANNEX V	3060.00
LITMUS Basehouse	1452.00
LIVERY Basehouse (replacement for old blown base)	2100.00
LITHOSPHERE Basehouse	2000.00
LIVERY Relay Base	2000.00
Proposed basehouse (German Embassy coverage)	2000.00

Total ~~21,743.38~~ 21,745.00

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c. Equipment

Local purchase of emergency and special equipment	2500.00	
New equipment, i.e. recorders, reels	3000.00	
Total		5,500.00

d. Miscellaneous

(1) Supplies (paper, rolls, wire, tubes, tape, plans, parts)	2000.00	
(2) Transportation		
LIMESTONE/3 car rent	600.00	
RAFANELLI QP car expense	500.00	
KIRSMEISTER mileage	350.00	
LIMESTONE/4 car rent	400.00	
LIMITATION car rent	300.00	
LIQUATION/1 car rent	300.00	
LIMESTONE/7 car rent	600.00	
(3) Other operational expenses (to cover loss of deposits on rents, fatalities and other serious emergencies, separation payments, medical expenses, emergency moving bills, and to cover targets of opportunity)	25,000.00	
Total	~~30,030.00~~ 30,130	~~30,030.00~~ 30,130

GRAND TOTAL ~~$145,864.76~~ 156,055

DISPATCH	CLASSIFICATION: SECRET	DISPATCH SYMBOL AND NO.: HMM-W-6555
TO: Chief of Station, Mexico City		HEADQUARTERS FILE NO.: 50-6-32/1
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FROM: Chief, WHD		DATE
SUBJECT: LIFEAT Project Renewal		RE "43" (CHECK "X" ONE) — MARKED FOR INDEXING; X NO INDEXING REQUIRED; INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED HQ. DESK ONLY
ACTION REQUIRED: Cable Reply, Submit Agent Termination Reports where appropriate		

REFERENCE(S)

HMMA-10198

P R I O R I T Y

It is requested that you reply by cable to the following questions so that the request for renewal of the LIFEAT Project can be submitted.

1. Approval to insert the following persons at the salaries indicated. Please correct salaries listed below if they are wrong.

LIEDDY - $4,000
LIMENU/1 - $4,000
Nadine M. CHAROUSEK - $3,640

2. The following have been cleared for use under LIFEAT since the last Project renewal. Since they were not mentioned in your request for renewal, have they been activated under Project LIFEAT and should they be included in our request for renewal? Are any funds required to cover their use?

LIQUATION/4
Subject of HMMW-5906

3. The following agents were included under the LIFEAT Project renewal of last year. Since none of them receive pay their names did not appear on Part II of the Project Outline attached to reference. Therefore, Headquarters does not know whether they are still active under the Project. In our request for renewal we must indicate the names of all agents who have been dropped from the project during the past project year and the present use being made of each agent. Please indicate those agents who are <u>no longer</u> under Project LIFEAT and what use is being made of each. If they are not active, please submit agent service records on them. If they are being used for other work please submit new PRQ II's and requests to amend their Operational Approvals. Unless advised to the contrary, Headquarters will assume the following are still active under Project LIFEAT:

LIMESTONE-9	LIPSTICK-35
LIMESTONE-10	LIPSTICK-37
LIQUATION-2	LIMITATION-7

4. The covering dispatch to your request for LIFEAT Project renewal stated that LICOOL and the provision for Harvey C. MULFORD had been removed from LIFEAT. Since MULFORD is covered by Project MKCHARITY, Headquarters assumes you intend to carry out LICOOL operations under Project MKCHARITY. In view of the fact Project MKCHARITY is a KURIOT Project which supports KURIOT Staff Agents Harvey C. MULFORD and Alice N. HADZELLI and provides for technical equipment and technical services, Headquarters does not believe LICOOL belongs under MKCHARITY. If LICOOL were included under MKCHARITY, the latter project would have to be amended to provide for such operational activity and to provide funds for base houses, base house-keepers, and processors of LICOOL take.

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PRIORITY

We believe LICOOL is best placed under LIFEAT, where it has been included in the past. The only alternative would be a new project to cover LICOOL operations. Therefore, it is requested that you comment by cable on the above by indicating a new Project Outline will be forthcoming, or requesting us to include LICOOL in our LIFEAT Project Renewal. If the latter is the case, please indicate the number of LICOOL base houses, rent per year for each, names and salary of any LICOOL base housekeepers and processors not already included in your request for LIFEAT Project Renewal request, and any additional expenses which should be included. Also indicate how many LICOOL operations are active at the present in addition to the one proposed in MEXI-1577, dated 30 June 1958.

5. With reference to MEXI-1816 (20 June 1958), Headquarters plans to leave LIMESTONE's 1, 2, 3, 5, and 7 in the LIFEAT Project when it is submitted for renewal. We will indicate that LIMESTONE's 1, 2 and 7 are not active under the Project but funds for continued payments to them are included because of security reasons emanating from their past use and knowledge acquired under Project LIFEAT. If it is decided to terminate any or all of them the money can be used for that purpose.

OLIVER G. GALBOND

3 July 1958

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2 July 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: CI/OPS

ATTENTION : Mr. Robert Brown

SUBJECT : Project LIFEAT

1. The WH/Mexico Desk is now in the process of requesting the annual renewal of Project LIFEAT for the period 1 July 1958 - 30 June 1959.

2. During the past year a considerable amount of operational and intelligence information from the LCMAYFOWL phase of this project has been forwarded to your office. In view of the pending project renewal, it would be appreciated if you would forward to the WH/Mexico Desk at your earliest convenience a memorandum evaluating this project with regard to your area and sphere of interest.

R. N. Dahlgren
Chief, WH/III

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TO : Chief, WH Division

DATE: 21 May 1958

FROM : Chief of Station, Mexico City

SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational

SPECIFIC— LIFEAT Project Renewal

Reference: HMM-W-5708, 16 December 1957

ACTION REQUESTED: Renewal of Project LIFEAT for FY 1959

1. There is attached a Review of Project LIFEAT for the period 1 July 1957 to 30 June 1958.

2. In accordance with the suggestion made in reference, Part I of the Project Outline has been revised only in those sections where there have been personnal changes of the operation has been otherwise altered in a basic aspect.

3. Part II is submitted in its entirety. LICOOL and the provision for Harvey C. MULFORD have been removed from this section, thereby cutting the budget from the sum requested for FY 1958.

4. It is requested that Project LIFEAT be renewed for FY 1959 for the amount requested.

Willard C. Curtis

Willard C. Curtis

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PROJECT REVIEW - LIFEAT

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~~HMM-3404 - Imports into Mexico from Soviet Union~~
~~HMM-A-9519 - American Cyanid Co., Calco Chemical Division~~

b. Soviet Diplomatic Activities:

This project has provided coverage and details of some of the diplomatic activities of the Soviets in Mexico. It has served to show the relationships maintained, culturally, socially and diplomatically, between the Soviets and the members of the Satellite establishments in Mexico.

HMM-3215, Soviet Attendance at Yugoslav Reception
HMM-3351 - Reception at Soviet Embassy.
HMM-2992 - Diplomatic Activities of Soviet Embassy, Mexico City
HMM-2849 - Diplomatic Activities of Soviet Embassy, Mexico City

c. Soviet Cultural Activities:

Information produced by LIFEAT has given details of Soviet activities in connection with publications, cultural institutes, and related activities. Examples of such reports are:

HMM-2870 - Soviet Embassy Reception for Mexican Musicians
HMM-2847 - Cultural & Propaganda Activities of Soviet Embassy
HMM-3080, Cultural & Propaganda Activities of Soviet Embassy

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d. Soviet Military Activities:

Monthly reports on the activities of Soviet military personnel, knowledge of which was obtained from LIFEAT, and their contacts in military circles in Mexico have proved to be of especial interest to ODYOKE service attaches in Mexico.

e. Movements of Soviet Officials:

Through LIFEAT coverage a roster of Soviet personnel presently in Mexico has been maintained by Station Mexico. This has been the primary source of such information. LIFEAT has enabled the Station to determine in advance when departures can be expected for the Soviets, prior to their permanent departure, normally stock up on clothing and occasionally other items throught to be in short supply in the USSR.

f. Soviet Embassy Contacts:

Contact reports of the Soviets are compiled and provided Headquarters as necessary. These reports are of considerable operation value in identifying local and foreign Communists with whom the Soviets are in regular contact. Following are examples of this type of coverage:

HMM-2841 - MONTES y BRADLEY (fnu)
HMM-3199 - Narciso BASSOLS Contacts with the Soviet Embassy.

g. Personality Reports on Soviet Officials:

LIFEAT has provided the Station with the most productive source of information concerning the private and official lives of the Soviets assigned here. These reports have been submitted on individuals, e.g. HMM-A-9504, Aleksey N. CHERKASOV, and also under one cover, HMM-A-9856, January 1958 Report of Personnel Activities.

h. Goods and Services:

Periodic reports of the persons and institutions known to be providing goods and services to the Soviet Embassy have been of considerable value in developing and mounting a LAURICLE operation. Information of this type has also been of considerable value to the Station in the LIMESA operation.

i. Miscellaneous Activities of the Soviet Embassy:

LIFEAT material which does not fall into any one category but which deals with the Soviets and their associates and related activities has been reported as necessary.

The Czech Legation

The information obtained on the Czech Legation during the period under review is essentially the same as that from the Soviet Embassy. To avoid repetition, only a brief summary of the information submitted will be given here.

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Project Review

Attachment to HMM-A-10198
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a. Czech Personnel Reports:

HMM-3164, Activities of Zdenek KVITA and HMM-3238, Travel of Czech Legation personnel, are examples of the type of reports made from the personality and activity information acquired from LIFEAT coverage of this installation. HMM-3262, Cocktail Party at Czech Residence, is an example of the reports from this source on diplomatic activities of this installation.

b. Spot Reports on Czech Legation Activities:

Reports on a spot basis which were of interest included:

~~HMM-3054, Czech Concern over Possible Expulsion from Mexico.~~
HMM-3126 New Location of Czech Legation Commercial Office and Skoda Exposition

Polish Legation

Information on this installation closely parallels that obtained on the Czech Legation and the Soviet installations. The largest amount of information concerning the Polish installation has been procured from LIFEAT. An example of reports from this source is HMM-3161, Leon KILARSKI, Polish Commercial Attache. Another is HMM-3130, Suspicious Contact of Edward RUDSKI, Josef Isaak GENSCHAFT.

Mexican Communist Party and Communist Fronts

A significant amount of information concerning the Communist Party in Mexico and the Communist front organizations in Mexico was obtained from LIFEAT. Information from LIFEAT has been invaluable in supplementing agent coverage of the front-organizations which exist here. Examples of this type of reporting are as follows:

HMM-3193 - Narciso BASSOLS and Family;
HMM-3176 - Travel of Pro-Communists

American Communists in Mexico:

One of the most extensive and productive coverages maintained through LIFEAT during this past year was directed against American Communists in Mexico. Most of these targets have been covered at the request of ODENVY and the production has been partially processed by them for the justification of one of their slots in their local establishment. A total of 381 reels have been the result of the coverage since 1 July 1957 until 25 April 1958.

Foreign Communists in Mexico and Mexican Communists:

LIFEAT continued to provide partial coverage of Eduardo MACHADO Morales, Venezuelan Communist, until the time of his departure for return to Venezuela. LIFEAT also provided some 50 reels of coverage on Diego RIVERA, well-known Communist Mexican painter, until his death in November 1957. From this coverage it was determined that RIVERA was sufficiently concerned over the departure of the former Soviet Cultural Attache, Yuriy PAPOROV, that he arose from his sick bed in order to make the trip to Veracruz by car to insure that PAPOROV's departure was without incident.

LAURICLE Information:

LIFEAT has contributed materially to several matters having LAURICLE interest.

Counter Intelligence Information:

CI/CE matters constitute a major portion of the Mexico City Station's priority objectives. Project LIFEAT has contributed more leads and general information on the Soviet aspect of this subject than all other Station sources. A few representative samples of this type of information are the following:

HMM-A-9121, Suspicious Soviet Contact
HMM-A-9135 - Sergio KIREEV Rassvetaef
HMM-A-8552, Vladimir SOKOLOV; Col. Jesus de LEON Toral, 6 November 1957
LCMAYFOWL

Jewish Communist Activities:

Coverage of the Jewish Communist leader, Samuel MAGIDIN Magidin, has confirmed the continuing decline of the local Jewish Communist movement. It has also provided the Station with information on those former members who continue to meet at irregular intervals on an informal basis.

Conclusion:

The Mexico City Station believes that the produce of the LIFEAT Project measured against the expenditure of KUBARK assets in terms of personnel, time, security risks and funds well justifies its renewal. The information produced by this operation has materially contributed to several priority objectives of the Station's Related Mission Directive.

2. Progress of the Operation -

Definite progress has been made in reporting on the objectives of the LIFEAT Project. However, since LIFEAT objectives are of a continuing nature and are not designed to be achieved, no statistics can be cited as to the percentage of coverage on each objective. A general indication of the coverage can be derived when it is realized that some 15,000 pages of raw text are the direct result of the operation from which the statistics cited above were derived. Except for a period from 1 February - 11 April 1958 LIFEAT has been in daily operation with some 18 to 23 lines being covered. Generally, these may be broken down as follows:

Soviet Embassy -	7 lines
Czech Legation -	2 lines
Polish Legation -	2 lines
American Communists -	5 lines
Remainder -	7 lines

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3. Planning for the Future

During the coming year Station capabilities will be expanded to permit monitoring of approximately 28 lines. Basic coverage of Soviet, Czech and Polish activities will be continued to the maximum extent possible and assets and capabilities will be maintained for expl[o]iting important targets of opportunity. At the present time and with the new system being used for LIFEAT lines, Station believes that 28 will be the maximum number of lines which can be handled properly and securely by the personnel presently assigned here for LIFEAT.

4. Performance of Agents

In general the performance of the LIFEAT agents has been good and secure during the past year. It is hoped that within the coming year the remainder of the AYCALL group will be securely and permanently removed from the Project and replaced by well-compartmented personnel. In view of the high degree of security necessary for the personnel involved in this operation, it is planned to screen very carefully any possible candidates before they are approached for use in this operation after prior approval for an approach has been secured from Headquarters.

Additional comments concerning the production, security and cover of individual agents will be found in the attached amendment to the field outline which was submitted with HMM-W-5708.

5. Expenditures during Period under Review

Approval was granted for the period under review, 1 July 1957 - 30 June 1958, to expend $156,647. The proposed LIFEAT budget for FY 1959 is contained in the attached field project outline Part II.

6. Status of Commitments

There are no commitments other than those provided for in the outline and the individual contracts of several LIFEAT personnel.

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PROJECT OUTLINE
(Excerpts)

PROJECT LIFEAT

3. Background

Project LIFEAT was initially approved 3 October 1950. Actual operations began on 18 January 1951 and have run almost continuously since that time. The LIFEAT operation was begun with the installation of one telephone tap and has since expanded to an average of 23 telephone lines.

Project LIFEAT is a unilateral operation. It is completely independent from any liaison arrangement and it is staffed by KUBARK personnel, both staff and contract, together with a substantial number of local indigenous controlled agents.

During the time of its operation Project LIFEAT has produced more than 50,000 pages of operational and intelligence information in direct support of the Mexico City Station's objectives specifically and has contributed materially to the intelligence gathering activities connected with the Sino-Soviet bloc. In addition, Project LIFEAT has been of considerable value and assistance in monitoring the activities of Americans residing in Mexico City in which ODENVY has an interest and also has, at the direction of Headquarters, installed special taps on targets of opportunity.

4. References

HMM-A-7063, 5 June 1957 - Request for Renewal of Project
HMM-W-5708, 16 December 1957 - Approval of Project for FY 1958.

6. Objectives - ~~Omit "f"~~

7. Tasks

Case Officer - Edward P. SECHEN
Assistant Case Officer - Gene F. BRADDOCK

a. Supervise the operational and administrative activities of all ~~KAPOK~~ LIFEAT staff, contract and indigenous personnel.

b. Maintain awareness and provide direction in all operational matters pertaining to the management of the LIFEAT Project.

c. Provide guidance and day-to-day supervision of the operational phases LIFEAT/LIMERICK, LITHOSPHERE, LITMUS, LIVERY and American Communist Group in Mexico activities.

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d. Coordinate information received from LIMERICK with other Station operations.

e. Maintain LIFEAT capabilities for mounting operations against targets of opportunity.

f. Maintain supervision over basehouses and training of the personnel therein.

9. Personnel

The following are changes from FY 1958 for FY 1959:

Daniel K. BROMUND arrived at Station Mexico to assume duties as translator of LIFEAT/LITMUS material and relief translator on LIFEAT/LIMERICK.

14. Equipment and Support

It is considered essential that new equipment be provided for LIFEAT for FY 1959 in view of the fact that much of the equipment in current use has been steadily in operation since the inception of the project in 1951. Also, in view of expected expansion of the project and the possibilities of live monitoring, additional equipment in first-class condition will be necessary. A backlog of 10 new recorders and 300 reels along with repair parts is considered a minimum for efficient continuance of the project.

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LIFEAT PROJECT OUTLINE - PART II

17. **Estimated Costs**

The following costs are estimated for FY 1959. All figures are in U.S. dollars per year. It will be noted that owing to the rise in the cost of living and especially to much higher rents and to intended expansion, LIFEAT costs will be higher than in the past.

a. **Salaries:**

(1) Staff and Contract Personnel:

Ralph B. RAFANELLI, GS-7 (promotion to GS-9 in the mill)	
Salary	$5985.00
Quarters	2100.00
Daniel K. BROMUND, GS-12	
Salary	8810.00
Quarters	2100.00
Travel & TDY to border to renew tourist visa & to Washington, D.C. to pick up rentista papers.	400.00
Translator (LIMERICK), GS-12 not yet named (This position has been indicated in view of the hope that the Project will be able to live-monitor at least a portion of LIMERICK traffic. There is a Staff Agent slot available under this project).	
Salary	8000.00
Quarters	2100.00
Transportation	1000.00
HHE move	1500.00
Janet N. DELACOUR (2.02/hr)	4000.00
~~Nadine M. CHAROUSEK~~	~~3640.00~~ ← delete
Leona C. GANDARA	4000.00
Carol K. ZINSMEISTER - Salary	5400.00
Francis M. MENZIE - Salary	2508.00
Alice N. CAILLETEAU - Salary	2425.00
Olivia N. GLADMON - Piece work	4200.00
Louise J. MACRINO - Salary	1850.00
(Will be included under LIPSTICK Project when it is renewed 1 September 1958)	
TOTAL	~~60014.00~~ 56375.00 ~~60014.00~~ 56375.00

(2) Field Agents

Field Agents	Presently	Possible Raise
LIMEWATER	5284.22	
LIMEWATER/1	2209.77	
LIMEWATER/2	1441.15	
LIMEWATER's helper	144.12	
LIMEWATER/6	960.77	

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Field Agent	Presently	Possible Raise
LIMESTONE/1	1441.15	
LIMESTONE/2	576.46	
LIMESTONE/3	1921.54	
LIMESTONE/4	1921.54	
LIMESTONE/5	768.61	
LIMESTONE/7	1441.15	
LIMESTONE/8	1441.15	
LIPSTICK/18	~~1729.38~~ 1732.00	
LIMITATION	1729.38	
LIMITATION/3	1921.54	
LIQUATION	3650.92	
LIQUATION/1	3650.92	
LIQUATION/3	768.61	
LILACE ($2.58 per hr.)	3,000.00	

(Due to recent increases in the cost of living, it is expected that an over-all raise of 10% will be made to agents during FY 1959. In April 1958 a new import tax of 40-60% was imposed by the government with the resultant increase in commodities in general use. Adjustments will be made in peso amounts should the devaluation of the peso occur during this FY. — 3,300.00

Christmas bonus and presents — 3,000.00
(One month salary to each agent, in accordance with local custom. Also special gifts in some cases.)

Salary total — ~~42,302.38~~ 42,305.00 *(handwritten initials)*

b. Basehouse rentals, utilities and expenses

LIMERICK Basehouse	~~1729.38~~ 1730.00
ANNEX IV	3050.00
LIFEAT Repair Base	1540.00
ANNEX II	1452.00
ANNEX III	1360.00
ANNEX V	3060.00
LITMUS Basehouse	1452.00
LIVERY Basehouse (replacement for old blown base)	2100.00
LITHOSPHERE Basehouse	2000.00
LIVERY Relay Base	2000.00
Proposed basehouse (German Embassy coverage)	2000.00

Total — ~~21,743.38~~ 21,745.-

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c. Equipment

Local purchase of emergency and special equipment	2500.00	
New equipment, i.e. recorders, reels	3000.00	
Total		5,500.00

d. Miscellaneous

(1) Supplies (paper, rolls, wire, tubes, tape, plans, parts)	2000.00	
(2) Transportation		
LIMESTONE/3 car rent	600.00	
RAFANELLI QP car expense	580.00	
ZINSMEISTER mileage	350.00	
LIMESTONE/4 car rent	400.00	
LIMITATION car rent	300.00	
LIQUATION/1 car rent	300.00	
LIMESTONE/7 car rent	600.00	
(3) Other operational expenses (to cover loss of deposits on rents, fatalities and other serious emergencies, separation payments, medical expenses, emergency moving bills, and to cover targets of opportunity)	25,000.00	
Total	~~30,030.00~~ 30130.00	~~30,030.00~~ 30130.00
GRAND TOTAL	~~$145,864.76~~ $156,055.00	

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DATE 18 APR 1958

TO : Chief of Station, Mexico City

FROM : Chief, WHD

SUBJECT { GENERAL - Operational
SPECIFIC - LIFEAT Renewal

Project LIFEAT expires on 30 June 1958. It is requested that the Station's request for project renewal be pouched so that it reaches Headquarters prior to 1 June 1958.

J. C. KING
C, WHD

14 April 1958

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3 February 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: FI/OPS - Projects Branch

SUBJECT : Amendment to Project LIFEAT

1. It is requested that Project LIFEAT be amended to authorize the payment of $1820 compensation to Nadine M. CHARNUSEK for the period 1 January 1958 through 30 June 1958 (the expiration date of the project). Funds now available in Project LIFEAT are sufficient to cover payment to CHARNUSEK.

2. CHARNUSEK will serve as a processor of LIFEAT material. She received Provisional Operational Approval (C-46245) on 12 December 1957. A contract check list to provide a payment of $1.75 an hour compensation has been prepared for Contract Personnel Division.

3. CHARNUSEK has above average motivation to do the work required of her. Motivation is a prime consideration in work of this type. CHARNUSEK will listen to LIFEAT tapes (in English until her Spanish language ability permits work on Spanish tapes). She will type summaries of the material on these tapes. The handling of the tapes and summaries will be between CHARNUSEK and her father-in-law, LIMEWATER (C-739). Her cover will be that of housewife.

F. K. DAHLGREN,
C/WH/III

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19 December 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: FI/OPS - Projects Branch

SUBJECT : Amendment to Project LIFEAT

1. It is requested that Project LIFEAT be amended to include the payment of $1820 compensation to Nadine M. CHAR[illegible]K for the period 1 January 1957 through 30 June 1958 (the expiration date of the project).

2. CHAR[illegible]K will serve as a processor of LIFEAT material. She received Provisional Operational Approval (C-66244) on 12 December 1957. A contract check list to provide a payment of $1.75 an hour compensation has been prepared for Contract Personnel Division.

J. C. KING
Chief, WHD

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TO : Chief of Station, Mexico City

DATE

FROM : Chief, WHD

SUBJECT GENERAL - Operational/LIFEAT
SPECIFIC - Project Renewal and Amendment

Reference: HMMA-7063

1. Project LIFEAT was renewed on 30 October 1957 for the period 1 July 1957 through 30 June 1958 for a total of $130,154 for FY 1958. The Station will note that Headquarters rewrote the Project Outline and Project Review which were submitted in HMMA 7063. This was done to facilitate subsequent renewals of the complex LIFEAT Project. As regards the Project Outline, if no major changes occur during the next project year, the Station will only have to submit a Part II to the Project Outline, and any changes which may have affected Part I, principally those concerning personnel. The rewritten Project Review should be used by the Station as a format for next year's Review. By following these procedures, it is believed that we can avoid the re-writing and retyping of the entire Project and make it simpler for the Field Case Officer to prepare the renewal request.

2. Project LIFEAT Amendment was approved on 5 December 1957 for a total of $26,493 for fiscal year 1958, thus raising the total amount authorised for the present project year to $156,647. This Amendment authorised the establishing of a bank account of $20,000 for Daniel K. BEDMUND for cover purposes, against which a Letter of Credit will be obtained so that he may obtain Rentista status in Mexico. (See HMMW-5691 for details on this Letter of Credit).

3. The Amendment also requested authority to incorporate Roland K. WINGSNESS as an additional Staff Agent in the Project. A total of $6,493 for the remainder of the project year was requested to cover WINGSNESS' expenses and this amount was broken down as follows:

Salary ($7,785 per year)	$3,893
Allowances (Quarters up to $2,000)	1,000
Other (Educational-in accordance with R-20-610 dated 9 February 1956 estimated at	300

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Travel (PC3 Air to Mexico for family) $ 500
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This additional obligation for Project LIFEAT was approved with the authorization to add another competent staff agent; hoever, Roland K. WINGSHES GS 09 was not approved pending completion of the necessary action to waive existing personnel management restrictions on transferring employees from KUCHAI to KUJCVE and until suitable cover has been arranged by Cover Division. This problem has not yet been settled but you will be notified as soon as a definite decision has been reached regarding the transfer of WINGSHES to KUJCVE and subsequently to Mexico City on PCS.

J.C. King

J. C. KING
Chief, WHD

Attachment:
Project LIFEAT Outline and Project Review, 1/2 of pages herewith and 1/2 of pages, u/s/c

10 December 1957

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REF: MEXI 724 (IN 43718)

1. ~~[illegible] FUNDS AUTHORIZED THESE RENEWALS~~ BROKEN DOWN:

A. LI[illegible]: $52,318 FY 58 AND $7,350 FY 59

B. LI[illegible]TICK: $82,417 FY 58 AND $16,483 FY 59

C. LI[illegible]T: $156.647 FY 58

2. DISPATCHES FOLLOW.

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LATEST PROJ RENEWALS APPROVED

LIFEAT/A

J. C. KING, [illegible]

R. [illegible], C/WH/III

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CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

ORIG : L. D. PUCKETT
UNIT : WHD
EXT : 2555
DATE : 9 DECEMBER 1957

TO : MEXICO CITY

FROM : DIRECTOR

CONF : WH 5

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TO MEXI INFO CITE DIR 48374

RE: MEXI 0718 (IN 43260)*

1. LIFEAT AMENDMENT APPROVED 5 DEC FOR BROMUND RENTISTA COVER. Now CONVERTING STAFF AGENT AND MAKING FINAL COVER ARRANGEMENTS. ESTIMATE DEPARTURE HQS 18 DEC BY CAR.

2. REGRET IMPOSSIBLE SEND GABBOTT TDY OR PCS PRIOR 1 FEB DUE USUAL DELAY MEXI ENTRY NON-U.S. CITIZEN. SIMILAR TO MOOLMAN CASE.

END OF MESSAGE

CS COMMENT: *REQUESTED IF GABBOTT'S PCS CAN BE EXPEDITED OR TDY IN MEANTIME.

EE/P/MR. SZCZEPANSKI By Phone

WH/PERSONNEL PC Bowers

COORDINATING OFFICERS

J. C. KING, CHIEF, WHD
RELEASING OFFICER

S-E-C-R-E-T

R. N. DAHLGREN, C/WH/III
AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH : Chief of Operations, DD/P

SUBJECT : Project LIFEAT (Amendment)

1. The attached project, originating in WH Division, is designed to determine Sino/Soviet/Satellite plans, activities, and connections with other Communist elements through independent audio-surveillance operations in Mexico. It is presented for your approval of two amendments: the first, to permit the utilization of Roland K. WINGSLESS (p) as an additional Staff Agent in the project, and the second, to establish for cover purposes a $20,000 U. S. bank account for Staff Agent Daniel K. BROMUND (p) in order that he may obtain Rantista status in Mexico.

2. Authority is requested to obligate an additional $26,493 from the DD/P-WH Division budget for fiscal year 1958. Sufficient funds are available in the WH Division budget. If approved, these two amendments will raise the total amount authorized for the present project year, 1 July 1957 through 30 June 1958, to $156,647. Project LIFEAT was renewed by the DDCI on 30 October 1957 in the amount of $130,154.

3. Attached is the LIFEAT Project Outline, which sets forth the important factors involved in the operation; a WH Division memorandum, dated 31 October 1957, which explains the proposal for securing Rantista status for BROMUND; and a WH Division memorandum, dated 13 November 1957, which requests authority to incorporate WINGSLESS into the project as a Staff Agent.

4. CCB/NC comments that according to Finance Division, establishing a bank account for BROMUND is the only means of satisfying the requirements of the Mexican government. The Letter of Credit must be irrevocable and allow a stated withdrawal per period (as in this case, per quarter) in order that the full amount cannot be liquidated before the expiration of the Rantista. CCB/NC recommends approval in this connection. In addition CCB/NC recommends approval of the proposed use of WINGSLESS, provided that his cover, which has not been determined as yet, be coordinated with CCB/NC sufficiently in advance to allow CCB/NC to state any objections deemed necessary and to take effective action toward establishing sound cover.

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5. I recommend approval of these two amendments, subject to the conditions as stated by CCB/HC in paragraph four, above.

/s/ W. Lloyd George *
W. LLOYD GEORGE
Chief
Foreign Intelligence

Concur: (Signed) [illegible] — COP-DD/P — 3 DEC 1957 — Date

Approved: Signed C. P. CABELL — DDCI — 5 DEC 1957 — Date

Attachments: Project Outline LIFEAT
Memorandum, 31 October 1957
Memorandum, 13 November 1957

Staff Coordination:
For C/FI/OPS s/R. Bryant
For C/CI/OA s/J. Burton
C/CCB/HC s/J. Southard
For C/CI s/H. Brown

Responsible Officers:
Hdqts. - Louis D. Puckett
Field - Charles Anderson

* Amendment approved to extent that a competent additional staff agent may be added to the project and the Letter of Credit underwritten. However the addition of Wingness per se is not approved until the necessary personnel management restriction currently in effect have been complied with.

/s/ L.G.

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: LIFEAT Project Renewal

1. LIFEAT Project was renewed for the period 1 July 1957 through 30 June 1958. It is requested that this Project be amended to include Roland K. WINOSNESS as a Staff Agent.

2. WINOSNESS is a Staff Employee attached to ORR. He recently completed a four month TDY in Mexico City where he performed his work in a highly satisfactory manner and the Chief of Station, Mexico City, has specifically requested his PCS assignment under Project LIFEAT. Approval will be requested of Chief of Operations to transfer WINOSNESS to the DDP from DDI as soon as this Project Amendment has been approved. A Staff Agent slot is already available under Project LIFEAT which can be filled by WINOSNESS. As soon as WINOSNESS becomes a DDP employee, WHD plans to give him intensified language training and to send him to Mexico after the first of the year.

3. Although Daniel K. FROMUND was included in the LIFEAT Project Renewal as a Russian translator, the volume of material produced under LIFEAT in the Russian language is increasing at such a rate that the services of two Russian translators are required. WINOSNESS also will be used as an assistant Case Officer, will administer at least two base houses, will do regular line inspections and make technical repairs at the listening posts, and will be required to prepare finished operational and intelligence reports based on his own and other LIFEAT agents' raw reports. WINOSNESS is well qualified to perform all these tasks.

4. Authority is requested to obligate an additional $6,493 for Project LIFEAT for the last half of the present project year. A breakdown of this amount is as follows:

WINOSNESS Salary: ($7,785 per year)	$3,893
Allowances: (Quarters up to $2,000)	1,000
Other (Educational-in accordance with R-20-610 dated 9 February 56 estimated at-)	300
Travel: PCS Air to Mexico for family	500
Household Effects, Movement	800
TOTAL	$6,493

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MEMORANDUM FOR: FI/OPS - Project Branch

CRYPTONYM LIFEAT

DIVISION Western Hemisphere

STATION Mexico City

HEADQUARTERS CASE OFFICER:

Name Louis D. Puckett
Room 2110 Barton Hall
Ext. 2555
Date 18 November 1957

It is requested that Project LIFEAT be amended to include Roland E. WINDSNESS as a Staff Agent under this project. The additional cost to the project for the remainder of the project year will be $6,493. The attached memorandum sets forth details of this amendment.

ROBERT N. DAHLGREN, C/WH/III

CHARLES APPLE, WH/FI

COLLINS ALMON, WH/STAFF/CHIEF

DATE

Attachments
Memoranda (4)
Form No. 680 (4)
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FI OPERATIONAL AUTHORIZATION

TO : FINANCE DIVISION

THROUGH: FI/PLANS/PROJECTS BRANCH, FI/ADMIN/BF

SUBJECT: LIFEAT (APPROVAL OF PROJECT) ; ______ (ACCOUNT NO.) ; WH/III/Mexico (COUNTRY, AREA DIVISION)

SECTION 1. TO BE COMPLETED BY PROJECTS BRANCH

THE ABOVE PROJECT HAS BEEN APPROVED FROM 1 July 1957 TO 30 June 1958 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF $______ AS BROKEN DOWN BELOW.

______ FI/PLANS/PROJECTS BRANCH ______ DATE

SECTION 2. TO BE COMPLETED BY CASE OFFICER

BREAKDOWN OF REQUESTED TOTAL	FISCAL YEAR 1958	FISCAL YEAR
COMPENSATION	$ 3,593	$
ALLOWANCES	1,300	
TRAVEL	1,300	
OPERATIONAL EXPENSES		
OTHER:		
TOTAL	$ 6,193	$

ACCOUNTING DETAILS

TYPE OF PROJECT (Check one) [X] REGULAR [ ] SUBSIDY [ ] PROPRIETARY

METHOD BY WHICH PAYMENTS ARE TO BE MADE

FUNDS TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR BY: (Check one)
- [X] REGULAR FINANCIAL ACCOUNTINGS (AFR 30-10)
- [ ] RECEIPTS ONLY (CFR 9.4)
- [ ] OTHER (Explain):

SECTION 3. TO BE COMPLETED BY DIVISION BUDGET OFFICER

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ______ DIVISION BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ______ CONTAINS SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO MEET THE OBLIGATIONS OUTLINED ABOVE.

______ DIVISION BUDGET OFFICER ______ DATE

SECTION 4. OTHER APPROVALS

FINANCE DIVISION MUST HAVE, IN ADDITION TO FI PROJECT APPROVAL, SPECIFIC WRITTEN APPROVAL ON CERTAIN TYPES OF EXPENDITURES BEFORE FUNDS CAN BE ADVANCED. (INDICATE BELOW ANY APPROVALS IN THIS CATEGORY THAT HAVE BEEN SECURED)

- [ ] PURCHASE OF AUTOMOBILE
- [ ] PURCHASE OF MAJOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT
- [ ] RENTALS IN EXCESS OF THAT PERMITTED BY REGULATION
- [ ] APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN WHEN REQUIRED
- [ ] OTHER (Explain):

SECTION 5. ADDITIONAL CRYPTONYMS, PSEUDONYMS, ETC.

SIGNATURE OF CASE OFFICER	EXTENSION	SIGNATURE OF DIVISION CHIEF OR DESIGNEE	DATE
L. D. Puckett	8535		

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FROM : MEXICO CITY

ACTION : WH 5

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TO DIR INFO CITE MEXI Ø521

REQUEST REPLY MEXI 739 (IN 24781).*

END OF MESSAGE

C/S COMMENT: *REQUESTED AMENDMENT RESEARCH REPORT ON LIFEAT.

FILE TITLE Proj LIFEAT - Development Plans

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DI/OPS - Projects Branch

CRYPTONYM: LIFEAT

AREA DIVISION: Western Hemisphere

STATION: Mexico City

HEADQUARTERS CASE OFFICER:
Name: Louis D. [illegible]ckett
Room: 2112 [illegible] 311
Ext.: 2555 or [illegible]62
Date: 31 October 1957

1. It is requested that the LIFEAT project be amended to include authorization to open a bank account of $20,000 for Daniel K. BROMUND (Staff Agent). Project LIFEAT was approved for renewal for the period 1 July 1957 to 30 June 1958.

2. Subsequent to the renewal of Project LIFEAT, it was determined that the cover appropriate for Daniel K. BROMUND would be that of a Rentista. In order to obtain Rentista status from the Mexican Government, it is necessary to show documents which prove that the applicant has an income of approximately $350 per month for a period of five years. On approval of this amendment, it is planned to open an account for Daniel K. BROMUND for the amount of $20,000 against which the bank will issue him a Letter of Credit which will permit him to draw against this account at the rate of $1,000 quarterly. This Letter of Credit will then be used to obtain Rentista status for BROMUND. This Letter of Credit will be held by the Station and will be passed to BROMUND for use once every three months. BROMUND will use this Letter of Credit, withdrawing his $1,000 quarterly, and will immediately deposit this money and the Letter of Credit with the Finance Officer at the Station. These deposits will be accounted for in the Station's accountings.

3. To protect the United States Government's interest, the necessary Declarations of Trust and/or Assignment of Interest as determined by the Finance Division will be executed and filed with the Monetary Branch, Finance Division.

ROBERT H. DAHLGREN, C/WH/III

CHARLES A[illegible]LE, WH/FI

COLLINS ALMON, WH/Staff/Chief

DATE

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TO : Chief of Station, Mexico City

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FROM : Chief, WHD

SUBJECT GENERAL - Administrative/LIFEAT
SPECIFIC - Procurement of Recorders

Reference: HMMA-8143 (KAPOK 1106), 2 October 1957

ACTION REQUIRED: Clarification of request for recorders.

1. Paragraph four, c, of reference contains a request for ten used EKOTAPE recorders. However, it is not clear whether this request is in addition to or in place of the request contained in MEXI 918, dated 9 August 1957. The recorders requested in MEXI 918 were forwarded to the Station under cargo numbers 20369 and 20370 on 16 and 17 September 1957 (see DIR 35369 and DIR 35748), and probably arrived at the Station after the referenced dispatch was written.

2. There are no used EKOTAPE recorders available at Headquarters for shipment to the Station. However, KURIOT has advised the Desk that should any used recorders become available at Headquarters or at other field stations, they will make every effort to send them to Mexico City. As the Station probably knows, EKOTAPE recorders are no longer manufactured.

3. KURIOT requested that the Station be informed that KURIOT appreciates the technical report contained in the reference. They will investigate further the technical problems experienced by the Station; the Station will be advised of any significant developments. KURIOT considers that six months use from the Revere heads, under LIFEAT operating conditions, is quite good.

4. In view of the unavailability of used EKOTAPE recorders and the recent shipment of ten new REVERE recorders, Headquarters will take no further action on the referenced request unless requested to do so by the Station.

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Chief, WHD

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MEMORANDUM FOR: FI/OPS - Projects Branch

CRYPTONYM: LIFEAT

DIVISION: Western Hemisphere

STATION: Mexico City

HEADQUARTERS CASE OFFICER:

Name: [illegible]

Room: 2112 Barton Hall

Ext: [illegible]

Date: 22 Jul 1957

1. The attached project outline is presented for renewal for the period 1 Jul 1957 through 30 June 1958. The project outline is accompanied by a review of LIFEAT activities during the past year.

2. In support of the renewal of Project LIFEAT there are attached memoranda prepared by CI/OPS/WH, EE/P and EE/C.

3. A brief historical resume of Project LIFEAT may be found in Section three of the project outline.

F. [illegible], C/WH/III

C. [illegible], WH/FI

C. [illegible], WH/Staff/Chief

J. C. KING, CHIEF, WHD

DATE

Attachments:
- Review of LIFEAT Project
- Revised LIFEAT PPO
- Form 680 in quad.
- Memoranda from CI/OPS/WH, EE/P and EE/C
- LIFEAT Project Approvals
- LICOOL Project Approvals
- Envelope containing true names of case officers and agents.

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REVIEW OF PROJECT LIFEAT TO ACCOMPANY REQUEST FOR RENEWAL

1. Product of the Project

The Soviet Embassy

a. Soviet Commercial Activities

Reports submitted during the past year have conveyed a substantial amount of detail concerning Soviet economic and commercial policy in Mexico, and to a lesser extent, in adjacent areas. This information has reflected the types of products the Soviets are selling and purchasing in Mexico, the names of their intermediaries, details on prices, procedures used for arranging sales and purchases and the manner of affecting shipments. This information has been screened from extensive and prolonged coverage of Soviet Embassy commercial traffic and appears to be accurate and detailed. Within the past year traffic concerning the Soviet commercial office in Mexico has increased considerably and remains the Station's primary source for information on Soviet commercial activities. Pertinent examples of this type of information may be found in:

HMM-2176, dated 1 March 1957 "Tentative Deal for Ecuadorian Coffee" [illegible]

HMM-1973, dated 15 October 1956 "Mexican Exports to the USSR" [illegible]

HMM-1760, dated 19 October 1956, "Sale of Soviet Ferrous Metal in the U. S." [illegible]

b. Soviet Diplomatic Activities

Project LIFEAT coverage of Soviet diplomatic activities appears to have been quite thorough and enlightening during the past year. Reports submitted on these activities have indicated some relationships the Soviets are developing with the Mexican Government, with other Latin American governments, and with other foreign diplomatic representatives. LIFEAT operations have also established some facts concerning the relations among the Soviets, Poles and Czechoslovakians in Mexico City. Some indication has been received on the relations between the Soviets and the Yugoslavs. Reports of this type provide some evidence as to when the Soviets seem to be engaged in a drive to establish contacts in various departments of the Mexican

Government and when they appear to be conducting a drive to cultivate other Latin American diplomats. The reactions of both the Mexicans and the Latin Americans to these advances are often shown in later traffic. Briefly, the Soviets do not seem to get a very good reception from the Latin Americans, but are well received by the diplomatic representatives of India and Indonesia. The reports have shown an improvement in Soviet relations with the Yugoslavs, which were practically non-existent for several years in Mexico City. The reports show further that the Soviets, Poles and Czechs have frequent business and social interchanges. The following reports are cited as examples of this type of information:

> HMM-2327, dated 16 January 1957, "Diplomatic Activities of the Soviet Embassy, Mexico City, November 1956."

> HMM-2395, dated 6 February 1957, "Diplomatic Activities of the Soviet Embassy, Mexico City, December 1956."

> HMM-2465, dated 27 February 1957, "Diplomatic Activities of the Soviet Embassy, Mexico City, January 1957."

c. Soviet Cultural Activities

Information produced by LIFEAT reflects in detail Soviet cultural activities in connection with publications, cultural institutes, travel of Mexicans to the USSR for cultural purposes, visits of Soviet cultural figures to Mexico and data concerning how their local arrangements are made. Examples of such reports are:

> HMM-2329, dated 18 January 1957, "Cultural and Propaganda Activities of the Soviet Embassy, Mexico City, November 1956."

> HMM-2377, dated 30 January 1957, "Cultural and Propaganda Activities of the Soviet Embassy, Mexico City, December 1956."

> HMM-2460, dated 27 February 1957, "Cultural and Propaganda Activities of the Soviet Embassy, Mexico City, January 1957."

HMM-2326, dated 16 January 1957, "Visit of Soviet Artists to Mexico."

d. Soviet Military Activities

Monthly reports are prepared from LIFEAT information on contacts between Soviet and Mexican military personnel. They reflect the identities of the local military figures with whom the Soviets maintain contact and in most cases contain some data on the reasons for the contact. These reports are of particular interest to the U.S. service attaches in Mexico.

e. Movements of Soviet Officials

The arrivals and departures of Soviet officials have been reported in almost every instance during the past five years through LIFEAT coverage. Frequently the Station has determined forthcoming departures long before they took place by careful study and interpretation of LIFEAT materials indicating Soviet contacts with local clothiers and other merchants selling luxury items - it is the habit of Soviets, prior to departure from Mexico, to stock up on items which are not available in the USSR. This type of coverage is of particular interest to ODENVY.

f. Soviet Embassy Contacts

Monthly reports of contacts by members of the Soviet diplomatic corps are compiled and submitted to Headquarters. These reports are of considerable value in planning agent operations against the Soviets. They are also of operational assistance in identifying local and foreign Communists with whom the Soviets maintain regular contact. The following reports are examples of this type of coverage:

HMM-2376, dated 30 January 1957, "Contacts of Soviet Embassy, Mexico City, December 1956."

HMM-2459, dated 27 February 1957, "Contacts of Soviet Embassy, Mexico City, January 1957."

g. Personality Reports on Soviet Officials

LIFEAT has been a very productive source for collecting personality information on Soviets. Such data as Soviet contacts, marital situations, official duties, etc., are of value in determining which officials may be susceptible to recruitment

and/or defection. A case in point would be the present Soviet Naval Attache, Grigori [illegible]. A recent study of his background and habits indicated that his wife might be vulnerable to recruitment because she was having amorous relations with one of her husband's subordinates. A sample of the personality report series may be found in [illegible]-6[illegible]1, dated 1[illegible] May 1957, subject: "Boris Pavlovich [illegible]".

h. Goods and Services Provided to the Soviet Embassy

Periodic reports of the persons and institutions providing goods and services to the Soviet Embassy have been of considerable value in developing and mounting a [illegible] operation. This type of information is valuable in determining the identity of individuals having access to the Soviet Embassy who can later be recruited by the Station as controlled agents. [illegible]-2[illegible]2, dated 27 February 1957, subject: "Goods and Services Used by the Soviet Embassy, Mexico City, December 1956 - January 1957", is an example of the Station's reporting of this type of operational information.

i. Miscellaneous Activities of the Soviet Embassy

LI[illegible]AT material relating to the Soviet Embassy, which does not fit into any general category, is set forth each month in a series of reports on miscellaneous activities. These reports include such random information as banking transactions, landscaping activities, evidences of internal construction, etc. The following reports are cited as examples of this type of information:

HMM-2375, dated 30 January 1957, "Miscellaneous Activities of the Soviet Embassy, Mexico City, December 1956."

HMM-2[illegible], dated 27 February 1957, "Miscellaneous Activities of the Soviet Embassy, Mexico City, January 1957."

The Czech Legation

The information obtained on the Czech Legation during the past year is basically the same as the information obtained on the Soviet Embassy; consequently, to avoid repetition in this review, only the highlights of Czech Legation coverage are mentioned.

a. Data Pertaining to Czech Personnel

The LI[illegible]AT collection effort in this connection has been productive. Reports have reflected personality data, official functions and domestic matters pertaining to Czech staff members and information suitable for use in planning defection approaches.

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The following reports are cited as examples of this type of information:

HMM-1896, dated 28 September 1956, "Czech Legation Personnel."

HMM-1959, dated 17 October 1956, "Czech Legation Personnel."

HMM-2330, dated 18 January 1957, "Czech Legation Personnel."

b. Spot Reports on Czech Legation Activities

Spot reports are submitted periodically on matters of interest which pertain to the Czech Legation. Examples of these reports are:

HMM-1779, dated 10 September 1956, "Proposed Czech-Mexican Barter Transaction."
CS-104650

HMM-1814, dated 19 September 1956, "Travel of Czech Commercial Representatives."

HMM-1577, dated 9 October 1956, "Travel of Enrique CASTRO Garcia."
CS-107787

HMM-1987, dated 24 October 1956, "Czech Delegates to the XX International Congress of Geology."

Polish Legation

As with the Czech Legation, information pertaining to the Polish Legation parrallels closely the type of information reported about the Soviet Embassy. By far the largest amount of information obtained on the Polish Legation during the past year has resulted from LIFEAT coverage. Biographic information on Polish staff members has been forwarded to Headquarters. The following examples of spot reports were forwarded for Headquarters' dissemination:

HMM-1744, dated 29 August 1956, "Polish Legation Reception Commemorating 11th Anniversary of Day of Liberation."
CS-103442

HMM-1748, dated 31 August 1956, "Polish Legation Contacts with Polish Delegates to the Eighth International Radiology Congress."

HMM-2431, dated 20 February 1957, "Polish Legation Contacts with Carlos Augusto L..N (Venezuelan Communist)."

HMM-2532, dated 29 March 1957, "Release of Rosendo GOMEZ Lorenzo."

HMMA-5941, dated 9 January 1957, "Julius KATZ-SUGHY."

Mexican Communist Party and Communist Fronts

A significant amount of information was received from LIFEAT during the past year concerning the Mexican Communist Party and Communist Party Front organizations. The latter included information on the Circulo de Estudios Mexicanos, the Mexican Peace Movement, the Society of Friends of China and various art fronts. This information has been of value in supplementing agent coverage of these organizations. The following reports are examples of this type of information:

HMM-1657, dated 18 July 1956, "Narciso BASSOLS."

HMM-2285, dated 28 November 1956, "Xavier GUERRERO Saucedo and Clara Porset de GUERRERO."

American Communists in Mexico

One of the most extensive and productive coverages initiated through LIFEAT during the past year was directed against American Communists in Mexico. Most of those targets were covered at the request of ODENVY and the production was processed in part by ODENVY. A total of 342 reels of information were recorded on three separate cases. A fourth case, LCMAYFO-L, was mounted at the suggestion of ODENVY just 15½ hours after the Station received the request from Headquarters. The Station has received three commendations from Headquarters on the LIFEAT coverage of this case and Edward P. SECHEN received a personal commendation from the DCI for his work on this operation. Over 90 reels of valuable information have been produced since the beginning of this operation on 9 February 1957.

Mexican Government

During the early part of 1957 LIFEAT coverage provided the means for the Station to assess reports from another source concerning the hardening of the Mexican Government's attitude toward foreign Communists. LIFEAT coverage of various individual targets provided reliable information on the arrests of the foreign Communists Mario ROSA Navarro, Joaquin ORDAQUI, Jacobo

HUROWITZ Zender and Cromo SEDILLO and tended to confirm data on the same matters obtained through other Station sources. LIEMAT also added details which were not available to other Station sources, such as the names of the persons who sought to help those imprisoned. For example, LIEMAT established that the Venezuelan Communist leader, Eduardo GALLEGOS Morales, was the person holding the passport of Joaquin MARQUEZ at the time of his arrest; this fact, among others, makes LAMBDA appear to be one of the most important foreign Communists in Mexico. The below listed reports contain information of this type:

HMMA-6240, dated 6 March 1957

HMMA-6242, dated 6 March 1957

HMM-1769, para four, dated 12 September 1956, is cited as containing an apparently reliable report to the effect that in 1956 the Mexican president told the editor of one of Mexico's leading newspapers that he should play down or omit anti-U. S. articles and opinions.

LAURICLE Information

LIEMAT has contributed materially to several matters having LAURICLE interest.

Counter Intelligence Information

CI/CE matters constitue a major portion of the Mexico City Station's priority objectives. Project LIEMAT has contributed more leads and general information on the Soviet aspect of this subject than all other Station sources combined. A few representative samples of this type of information are listed below:

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HMM-1958, dated 9 October 1956, and HMM-2286, dated 2 January 1957 describe contacts between Narciso BASSOLS, leading Mexican pro-Communist, and Viktor N. GLOTOV, his Soviet case officer.

HMM-2420, dated 8 February 1957, sets forth arrangements for clandestine contact between Colonel Jesus de LEON Toral, of the Mexican General Staff College, with his Soviet case officer.

HMM-2270, dated 19 December 1956, sets forth contacts between Nikolay RYBIZOV, Soviet intelligence officer, and Jesus MAZO Gongaro, Mexican Naval officer.

HMM-A-1163, dated 23 April 1956, and HMM-2276, dated 20 December 1956, describe a lengthy series of contacts between "Arana" HAILE, an Ethiopian student in Mexico, and Boris P. KAZANTSEV, Soviet intelligence officer.

Checks on Double Agents

Several of the Station's double agents have been monitored through LIFEAT while in contact with the Soviet Embassy, thereby enabling the Station to verify portions of their reports and hence providing means for establishing the veracity of the agents' reports to the Station. Among those monitored during the past year were LIBELER, LILINGHAM, LIGAGE and LIESTOCK-1.

Jewish Communist Activities

LIFEAT coverage of the Jewish Communist leader, Aaron Jose PRZYSWA Margulos, has provided information on the decline of the Jewish Communist movement and the relative inactivity of PRZYSWA in Communist matters.

Coverage of the Jewish Communist leader, Samuel HAGIDIN Hagidin, confirmed the decline of the local Jewish Communist movement and the final liquidation of its headquarters. It also produced the names of the few active members who continue to meet informally. It was of value in covering the arrest of Chone SHEINBAUM, a member of the Jewish Communist group, and the deportation of Jacobo HURWITZ Zender, known Communist agent.

Further, LIFEAT has established that the Liga Popular Israelita, a Jewish Communist front organization, is almost defunct and quite inactive.

Hidden Microphone Operation

One LICOOL type operation is presently active. It is directed against the residence of the Soviet Counselor of Embassy and has caused a great deal of concern with the technical problems of installing the equipment and recording conversations properly in order that acceptable production of operational data might be obtained. A TSS technician is presently at the Station correcting these deficiencies; and, recent cable reports have provided valuable information which tends to confirm previous tentative conclusions that the Soviet Counselor of Embassy is a suitable target for a concentrated defection approach. The Station is currently making the necessary plans to approach the target, having already received Headquarters' approval.

Conclusion

The Mexico City Station and the Headquarters Mexico Desk agree that the product of the LIENVOY Project measured against the expenditure of Agency assets in terms of personnel, time, security risks and funds well justifies its renewal. The information produced by this operation has contributed materially and substantially to several priority objectives of the Mexico City Station's Related Mission Directive.

2. Progress of the Operation

Definite progress has been made in reporting on the objectives of the LIENVOY project; however, all LIENVOY objectives are of a continuing nature and are not designed to be fully achieved. For this reason, no statistics can be cited as to the percentage of coverage on each objective. A general indication can be derived of the scope of the project by realizing that approximately 15,000 pages of summary text have been obtained from LIENVOY during the past year. An average of 23 simultaneous coverages on a 24 hour per day basis has been maintained during this review period. Generally, these coverages may be broken down as follows:

Soviet Embassy	8 lines
Czech Legation	2 lines
Polish Legation	2 lines
American Communists	3 lines
Remainder	8 lines

3. Planning for the Future

During the coming year Station capabilities will be expanded to permit monitoring approximately 30 lines. Basic coverage of Soviet, Czech and Polish activities will be continued to the maximum extent possible and assets and capabilities will be maintained for exploiting important targets of opportunity. At the present time the Station believes that 30 lines are about the maximum load the technical agents assigned to LIENVOY can properly handle and protect. The Station is currently preparing plans for submission to Headquarters which call for the establishment of a similar but separate and compartmented LIENVOY-type operation. Such a project would have new agents not previously associated with or knowledgeable about LIENVOY.

4. Performance of Agents

The Station has reported that in general the performance of the LIENVOY agents has been good during the past year. However, ~~some of the agents connected with the group based on the family~~

of the former head agent James [illegible]. A[illegible] (deceased) have not been performing in a completely satisfactory manner. Those agents are gradually being replaced by new and fully compartmented agents. The Station continues to face recruitment problems, however, since the LIFEAT employment qualifications are quite rigid. The basic qualifications are:

a. Absolute discretion

b. Willingness to cover a base 24 hours daily for long periods of time.

c. Willingness to obey complex orders for long periods of time.

d. Willingness to live in a situation of constant danger.

Additional comments concerning the production, security and cover of individual agents will be found in the attached field project outline.

5. Expenditures During Period Under Review

Approval was granted for the period under review, 1 July 1956 - 30 June 1957, to expend [illegible]113,931. The total amount of funds obligated for Project LIFEAT during FY 1957 was [illegible]99,167. The proposed LIFEAT budget for FY 19[illegible] is contained in the attached field project outline.

6. Status of Commitments

There are no commitments other than those provided for in the field project outline and the individual contracts of several LIFEAT personnel.

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PROJECT OUTLINE

CRYPTONYM: LIFEAT

PART I

1. Area of Operations

This project will be run from the Mexico City Station. It will be concerned with targets located in Mexico City.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this project is to determine Sino-Soviet plans, activities and connections with other communist elements through the use of technical surveillance. This purpose appears to be in consonance with the Related Mission Directive for Mexico (dated 7 May 1957), Priority A, Objective One.

3. Background

Project LIFEAT was approved initially on 3 October 1950. Actual operations began on 18 January 1951 and have run continuously since that time. The LIFEAT operation was begun with the installation of one telephone tap and has expanded since that time to an average daily monitoring of 23 telephone lines and from one to four hidden microphone installations (the microphone operations were originally under a separate project—LICOOL).

Project LIFEAT is a unilateral operation. It is completely independent from any liaison arrangement and is staffed by Agency staff and contract employees together with a substantial number of local indigenous controlled agents.

During the past six years Project LIFEAT has produced more than 40,000 pages of operational and intelligence information in direct support of the Mexico City Station's objectives specifically and has contributed materially to the intelligence gathering activities connected with the Sino-Soviet Bloc. In addition, Project LIFEAT has been of considerable value and assistance in monitoring the activities of Americans residing in Mexico City in which ODENVY has major interest.

4. References

a. HMMA-4503, 9 May 1956 (Station's request for renewal of LIFEAT Project.)

b. DIR-3710, 19 November 1956 (Headquarters' notification to the Station of the renewal of the LIFEAT Project.)

5. <u>Objectives</u>

a. To identify Soviet and Satellite intelligence personnel and to collect information on the nature and extent of their clandestine intelligence and propaganda activities in Mexico.

b. To collect information on Soviet and Satellite commercial, diplomatic, cultural and military activities in Mexico.

c. To collect biographic information on Soviet and Satellite officials.

d. To collect information on the movements, assignments and positions of Soviet and Satellite personnel.

e. To identify and collect information on prominent Mexican Communist Party (PCM) officials.

f. To collect information on the plans and activities of the Mexican Communist Party (PCM).

g. To collect information on the activities of prominent Jewish Communists residing in Mexico.

h. To collect information on the activities of American Communists and other targets of opportunity living in Mexico.

6. <u>Targets</u>

For Objectives "a" - "d":

a. Selected Soviet Embassy and Commercial Office telephone conversations.

b. Telephone conversations from the residences of selected Soviet Officials.

c. Conversations emanating from the residences of selected Soviet Officials (hidden microphone installations).

d. Selected Czech Legation, Czech Commercial Office and Polish Legation telephone conversations.

e. Conversations emanating from the New Polish Legation (hidden microphone installations).

For Objectives "e" and "f":

f. Selected telephone conversations originating within the Mexican Communist Party (PC[illegible]) headquarters.

g. Telephone conversations from the residences of senior PCM and other Communist officials' residences.

For Objective "g":

h. Telephone conversations from the residences of selected Jewish Communists.

For Objective "h":

i. Telephone conversations from the residences of known American Communists.

j. Telephone conversations, and other conversations which can be monitored by technical means, of targets of opportunity.

7. Tasks

Senior Case Officer - Thomas G. [illegible]
Assistant Case Officer for L[illegible]ICK phase - Arthur [illegible]. S[illegible]GH

a. Supervise the operational and administrative activities of all LIFEAT staff, contract and indigenous personnel.

b. Maintain awareness and provide direction in all operational matters pertaining to the management of the LIFEAT Project.

c. Provide guidance and day-to-day supervision of the LI[illegible]ICK, LITHOSPHERE and LITHOGRAPHY phases of the LIFEAT Project.

d. Co-ordinate information received from LI[illegible]RICK with other Station operations.

e. Maintain LIFEAT capabilities for mounting operations against targets of opportunity.

Case Officer - Matthew S. [illegible]

a. Provide guidance and day-to-day supervision of the LIC[illegible]L phase of the LIFEAT Project.

b. Conduct the training of all personnel assigned to the LIC[illegible]L phase.

c. Maintain LIC[illegible]L capabilities for mounting operations against targets of opportunity.

d. Insure that all operational and intelligence information receives appropriate handling by the LIC[illegible]L personnel involved and, where appropriate, other Station personnel.

Case Officer - Harvey P. [illegible]

a. Provide guidance and day-to-day supervision of the LIV[illegible]Y phase of the LIFEAT Project.

b. Conduct the training of all personnel assigned to the LIV[illegible]Y phase.

c. Insure that all operations and intelligence information receives appropriate handling by the LIV[illegible]Y personnel involved and where appropriate by Station personnel.

d. Co-ordinate information received from LIV[illegible]Y with other Station operations.

Case Officer - (To be assigned later)

a. Provide guidance and day-to-day supervision of the LITMUS phase of the LIFEAT Project.

b. Conduct the training of all personnel assigned to the LIT[illegible]S phase.

c. Insure that all operations and intelligence information receives appropriate handling by the LIT[illegible]S personnel involved and where appropriate by Station personnel.

d. Co-ordinate information received from LIVERY with other Station operations.

The tasks of all other personnel assigned to the LIFEAT Project are stated or implied in Sections 9 and 11, below.

8. <u>Co-ordination</u>

a. Information produced by the LIFEAT Project is closely co-ordinated with all other operations at the Mexico City Station. No operational co-ordination is required with any other area, but they are kept informed of any information produced by the Project, which may be of interest to them.

b. Project LI[illegible], which supports David M. [illegible], who is the principal outside LIFEAT Case Officer, is effected in co-ordination with Project LIFEAT.

c. LIFEAT Project is co-ordinated with Project LI[illegible] under which LI[illegible] and LI[illegible]-1, who perform work for Project LIFEAT, are carried.

d. In specific instances this project is co-ordinated with O[illegible] representatives and activities in Mexico.

9. Personnel

The following persons will participate in the LIFEAT Project during Fiscal Year 1958.

a. Staff Agents:

(1) Ralph F. RAF[illegible], who is under unofficial commercial cover, acts as assistant Case Officer.

(2) Daniel K. BR[illegible], formerly a Staff Employee with SR Division, will be a Staff Agent with the Mexican Station to do translation of LI[illegible]ICK material. He was granted a Security Approval on 23 February 1951. Until his arrival the Station is utilizing the Services of Rowland K. WI[illegible] on a TDY basis.

b. Contract Agents/Employees:

(1) David M. WILSTED. With the death of James O. AYCALL (p) in March 1956, WILSTED has become the principal outside Case Officer in the LIFEAT Project, and also assists with the processing of some of the LIFEAT material. He is supported by and is the only agent under Project LINOO which was approved on 24 May 1957. The purpose of the LINOO Project is to establish WILSTED as a long-term deep cover asset in Mexico City. WILSTED received an Operational Approval on 2 November 1951.

(2) Alice N. CAIL[illegible] does ZOMAR processing for LIFEAT material. She received a covert security approval on 28 May 1956.

(3) Olivia M. GLA[illegible] (LIGI[illegible]), is used to process LIFEAT tapes and prepare ZOMAR abstracts. She received an Operational Approval on 30 July 1956.

(4) Frances M. HENZIE does clerical work for Project LIFEAT. She received a covert security approval on 5 August 1955.

(5) Carol K. ZI[illegible]ISTER (LICALI[illegible]-1) processes a major part of the LIENRICK material. She received an Operational Approval on 3 June 1955.

(6) Louise J. MACRINO (LI[illegible]) will process LIFEAT material. She received an Operational Approval on 6 September 1955. A covert security approval is being requested.

c. <u>Field Agents:</u>

(1) LILACS, David M. W[illegible]'s wife, assists in translating and preparing reports from LIFEAT material. She received an Operational Approval on 28 September 1954.

(2) LIMESTONE-1 is a base house operator. He received an Operational Approval on 11 September 1953 and has an oral contract effective 1 October 1953.

(3) LIMESTONE-2 is an assistant base house operator. He received an Operational Approval on 25 November 1953 and has an oral contract effective 1 December 1953.

(4) LIMESTONE-3 is a base house operator. He received an Operational Approval on 29 December 1953 and has an oral contract effective 1 October 1953.

(5) LIMESTONE-4 is a base house operator. He received an Operational Approval on 21 October 1954 and has an oral contract effective 1 November 1954.

(6) LIMESTONE-5 is an assistant base house operator. He received an Operational Approval on 21 March 1955.

(7) LIMESTONE-7, wife of the late James O. AYCALL, has been used as a base house operator. She received an Operational Approval on 3 July 1956.

(8) LIMESTONE-8 is an assistant base house operator and processor of tapes. She received an Operational Approval on 27 April 1956.

(9) LIMESTONE-9 received an Operational Approval on 13 September 1956.

(10) LIMESTONE-10, wife of LIMESTONE-3, received an Operational Approval on 13 September 1956.

(11) LI[illegible] is an employee of Telefonos de Mexico, local telephone company. He provides the basic information necessary for running the Project. He received an Operational Approval on 17 October 1950 and has an oral contract effective 1 October 1950.

(12) LIMITATION-1 is charged with aspects of the technical portion of the operation. He received an Operational Approval on 14 August 1951 and has an oral contract effective 1 October 1953.

(13) LIMITATION-2, works with and has duties similar to his cousin, LIMITATION-1. He received an Operational Approval on 11 December 1953 and has an oral contract effective 1 January 1954.

(14) LIMITATION is a base house operator. He received Operational Approval on 3 April 1951 and 30 September 1952 and is under an oral agreement effective 1 May 1951.

(15) LIMITATION-3, LIMITATION's father, is an assistant base house keeper and processor of LIFEAT material. He received an Operational Approval on 1 October 1953 and is under an oral contract effective 1 November 1953.

(16) LIMITATION-5 is a base house operator. He received an Operational Approval on 15 February 1954 and on 20 August 1954. He is under an oral agreement effective 1 March 1954.

(17) LIMITATION-6 assists LIMITATION-5, her husband, with the base house. She received an Operational Approval on 3 January 1956.

(18) LIMITATION-7 is an assistant base house operator. He received an Operational Approval on 13 August 1956.

(19) LIPSTICK-18 is a base house operator. He received Operational Approvals on 31 March 1955 and 25 October 1955 and is under an oral agreement effective November 1954.

(20) LIPSTICK-35 is an assistant base house operator and is the wife of LIPSTICK-18. She received an Operational Approval on 6 August 1956.

(21) LIPSTICK 37, a relative of LIPSTICK-18, is an assistant base house operator. She received an Operational Approval on 13 September 1956.

(22) LIQUATION has been a base house operator and may retire during the coming project year. He received an Operational Approval on 16 December 1953 and is under an oral contract effective 1 January 1954.

(23) LIQUATION-1, LIQUATION's brother, is a base house operator. He received an Operational Approval on 26 September 1955.

(24) LIQUATION-2, wife of LIQUATION, is a base house operator. She received an Operational Approval on 21 August 1956.

(25) LIE AT-3 is an assistant base house operator and processor of LIEMPTY material. She received an Operational Approval on 19 January 1957.

(26) Unwitting assistant to LIEMPTY for routine office work.

LIPRIFORM and LIPRIFORM-1, who handle Czech language tapes for the LIENVOY Project, are included under the LIENVOY Project since the translation of the material and application of it to Czech operations are considered LIENVOY functions. LIPRIFORM received an Operational Approval on 3 July 1951 and his wife, LIPRIFORM-1, received one on 5 May 1952.

OLNAVY's local office processes certain tapes from targets of primary interest to them.

There are a total of 41 persons who work full and part time on the LIFEAT Project. It is expected that two more processors and one additional technician will be added during Fiscal Year 1958.

d. Personnel Dropped from the Project:

The following Staff Agents returned to Headquarters on PCS during the last project year: Lewis U. NICKLAS, Chester D. POLLICOVE, and Norman F. WANGEROW.

LIPSTICK 13 left Mexico City.

10. Operational Clearances

See item 9.

11. Cover

(1) Ralph B. RAFAUELLI: Fully documented employee of LIFINGER, who has in the past provided similar cover for undercover agents.

(2) Daniel K. BROWNED: The Station is in the process of arranging LIKEWED's cover.

(3) David S. WILSTED: Partner in small family-run machinery business. His Mexican documentation is complete and legitimate.

(4) Alice H. CAILLETEAU: Housewife

(5) Olivia S. GLADDEN: Retired woman residing with daughter and known to have independent income from retirement from former job.

(6) Frances M. MENZIES: Housewife

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(7) Carol K. ZIMSMEISTER: Housewife

(8) Louise J. MACHADO: Housewife, wife of LIPSTICK-19

(9) LILACK: Housewife

(10) LIMESTONE-1: She is an elderly person and hence can logically have an income from family estate. Does not attract attention.

(11) LIMESTONE-2: Brother of LIMESTONE-1 and resides with her. Is elderly and can pass as a poor relative and retainer.

(12) LIMESTONE-3: Has been engaged in obtaining small government contracts and moves in and out of various government offices. Unfortunately his cover is not really good and steps must be taken to improve it if he is to remain in our employ.

(13) LIMESTONE-4: Elderly woman who has had large business enterprises in the past and who does not need to explain her source of income for this reason.

(14) LIMESTONE-5: Father-in-law of LIMESTONE-3 and ostensibly dependent on him.

(15) LIMESTONE-7: Widow of James O. AYCALL, who was widely regarded as a man of means. Hence she ostensibly lives on his estate. This woman has a tendency to live beyond her means, however, and is a cause for anxiety.

(16) LIMESTONE-8: Relative of LIMESTONE-4. They reside together. This agent is a widow and ostensibly lives on an inheritance.

(17) LIMESTONE-9: Housewife

(18) LIMESTONE-10: Housewife

(19) LIMEWATER: His natural cover is of employee of the local telephone company, which he has been for a number of years.

(20) LIMEWATER-1: Enjoys natural cover as a telephone company employee.

(21) LIMEWATER-2: Enjoys natural cover as a telephone company employee.

(22) LIMITATION: He is an architect and follows an almost full time career in that business while his relatives manage the LIMIT Base.

(23) LIMITATION-3: Very elderly retired person who formerly had a large business and whose income therefore is not open to question.

(24) LIMITATION-5: Accountant with a large firm.

(25) LIMITATION-6: Wife of LIMITATION-5. She handles most of the routine work LIMITATION-5 has done for the Station in the past.

(26) LIMITATION-7: Housewife

(27) LIPSTICK-18: This agent's cover, that of plumber and electrician is not satisfactory. It appears, however, that he may be put into another type of operation sometime this year.

(28) LIPSTICK-35: Housewife

(29) LIPSTICK-37: Dependent relative of LIPSTICK-18.

(30) LIQUATION: Businessman with office in the city. He spends a good deal of time on selling machinery while LIQUATION-2 and LIQUATION-3 mind the base.

12. Contact and Communications

a. Contact and communications between the case officer and the agents and undercover personnel in this operation is maintained in a clandestine manner. Various patterns have been established by which the agents and the case officers follow prearranged signals for the meetings. When heavy or bulky material is to be passed, the meetings are always held at nights. All movement in and out of bases by the Case Officers and Principal Agents is done in cars ostensibly owned by the base agents, except in the case of LIVERY, where the agents are too old to drive. One of the local agents is usually used to contact the LIVERY base. Entrance to the bases by foot is made only in great emergencies.

b. Telephonic contact concerning the Project is kept to a minimum and a code system of digits and cryptonyms has been devised for use by the agents and case officers for phone conversations.

c. Alternate and emergency signals have been worked out.

d. In general these systems of contact and communication have been in practice for over six years and appear to have been suitable to the work. In detail, locations and times of meetings have been changed frequently.

13. Control and Motivation

The indigenous agents on this project are motivated by the

following factors:

a. The LI[illegible]ATER group: Motivated by high salaries and LI[illegible], himself, by pro-PBPRIME feelings. One of his sons is at present studying there. They are further controlled by fear of police action.

b. The LI[illegible] group: Motivated by family loyalty, good salaries and pro-PBPRIME outlook. They are further controlled by fear of police action.

c. The LIMITATION group: Motivated by pro-PBPRIME sentiments, LIMITATION being a PBPRIME citizen and LIMITATION-3 having resided there for many years.

d. The LIPSTICK group: Motivated by family loyalties, good salaries and personal loyalty to LIPSTICK.

e. The LIQUATION group: Motivated by family loyalty and good salary. LIQUATION, himself, is anti-Communist. Control is ideological and monetary.

14. Equipment and Support

It is believed that the supply of equipment for LIFEAT currently at the Station is sufficient to carry the operation through the calendar year 1957, but it is possible that simultaneous breakdown of quantities of the older equipment, dating from 1951 and in constant use since then, would necessitate the placing of separate orders for replacements.

15. Timetable

LIFEAT has been in almost constant operation since its inception in January 1951 and it is planned to continue it indefinitely.

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PROJECT OUTLINE

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PART II

16. Estimated Costs

The following costs are estimated for FY 1958. All figures are in U. S. dollars per year. LIFEAT costs will be higher than in the past because of rises in the cost of living (especially increased rents) and intended expansion.

a. Salaries

1. Staff and Contract personnel:

Ralph B. RAFANELLI, GS-7			
	Salary	$4,525.00	
	Quarters	2,000.00	
			6,525.00
~~Unnamed~~ Daniel K. Bremond LIMERICK processor (GS-12)			
	Salary	7,570.00	
	Quarters	2,200.00	
	PCS Travel	2,000.00	
			11,770.00
~~Unnamed LIMERICK translator~~			
Included under New Project Besmooth	~~Salary~~	~~6,500.00~~	
	~~Quarters~~	~~2,000.00~~	
	~~PCS Travel~~	~~2,000.00~~	
			~~10,500.00~~
Carol K. ZIMMEISTER	Salary	5,400.00	5,400.00
Frances M. MENZIE	Salary	2,504.00	2,504.00
Alice H. CAILLETEAU	Salary	2,425.00	2,425.00
Olivia H. GLADMON	Salary	3,880.00	3,880.00
Louise J. MACRINO	Salary	3,360.00	3,360.00

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2. Field agents

	Presently	
LIMEWATER	5280.00	
LIMEWATER-1	2208.00	
LIMEWATER-2	1440.00	
LIMESTONE-1	1440.00	
LIMESTONE-2	576.00	
LIMESTONE-3	2208.00	
LIMESTONE-4	22 8.00	
LIMESTONE-5	768.00	
LIMESTONE-7	1538.00	
LIMESTONE-8	1728.00	
LIMITATION	2112.00	
LIMITATION-3	1920.00	
LIMITATION-5 (not hired yet)		
LIQUATION	3840.00	
LIQUATION-1	3840.00	
LIQUATION-3	768.00	
LI TICK-18	1728.00	
LILACE ($2.02 per hour, 120 hrs. per month)	2504.00	
LIMEWATER assistant	144.00	
Possible raises	2000.00	
Christmas bonus and presents (One month salary to each agent, in accordance local custom. Also special gifts in some cases)	3000.00	41,250.00

b. Base house rentals, utilities and expenses

LIMERICK base house	2050.00	
LITHUS base house	2000.00	
LIVERY base house	2000.00	
LITHOSPHERE base house	2000.00	
LCMAYFOWL base house	1800.00	
Proposed base house	2900.00	
LIPEAT base shop	2000.00	
Proposed base house	2700.00	
Proposed base house	2800.00	
LICOOL-6 base	600.00	
Proposed LICOOL base	600.00	
		21,450.00

c. Equipment

Local purchase of emergency and special equipment	5,000.00	5,000.00

d. Miscellaneous

1. Supplies (paper rolls, wire, tubes, tape, pens, parts)	2,000.00	2,000.00
2. Transportation		
LIMERICK car rent	300.00	
Carol K. ZINGHEISTER mileage	350.00	
LITMUS base car rental	700.00	
LIVERY base car rental	700.00	
LITHOGRAPH base car rental	400.00	
(MV 2047)	1440.00	
Proposed base car rental	700.00	
		4,590.00
3. Other Operational Expenses (To cover loss of deposits on rents, fatalities and other serious emergencies, separation payments, medical expenses, emergency moving bills; and to cover targets of opportunity)		20,000.00
Grand Total		~~110,654.00~~ 130,154.00

17. Special Problems and Commitments

None not reflected in the Project Outline

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TO : Chief, WH Division DATE: 12 July 1957

FROM : Chief of Station, Mexico City

SUBJECT: GENERAL— LIFEAT/Operational

SPECIFIC— Operations report for June 1957

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REF: HMM-A-7141

The following report is keyed to the headings required in FN 52-670 sec 3c2.

a. Processing of information: No change. The LCMAYFOWL phase of the operation was live monitored all day and during the early evening hours. A large number of ZOMAR abstract sheets, made out by Olivia Gladmon and Alice Gailleteau, were forwarded to Headquarters. Gladmon was also used on the processing of the Maurice HALPERIN target. During June the new system of making numerous carbon copies of the traffic was further developed and hence more copies were made available for clipping and putting into "P" (201) files. Routine reporting on monthly developments, particularly pertaining to the LIMERICK phase, was continued on the same basis as in the past.

b. Exploitation of leads: Leads connected with the visit of the alleged Communist agent Jacobo [illegible]UCHNIK, from Argentina were followed through the Maurice HALPERIN line and were coordinated with other activities on the case. From LIFEAT coverage it was also ascertained that LCMAYFOWL was in contact with Boris P. KOLOMYAKOV, RIS case officer stationed at the Soviet Embassy. This knowledge, obtained by voice recognition of KOLOMYAKOV in a single contact with the LCMAYFOWL target, resulted in the mounting of a physical surveillance of the LCMAYFOWL target which confirmed the existence of the contact and enable the station to derive further information of importance. In a third instance, LIFEAT contact between a Mexican Army officer and an RIS officer enabled the station to make plans to cover a meeting between them scheduled for 3 July 1957. Finally, coverage of LIMERICK targets commercial lines enabled the station to direct various investigations which resulted in the identification of several commercial contacts of that establishment.

c. Liaison: Not applicable.

d. Security: Security on the project remained without substantial change. Nothing further has developed from the alleged blackmail plot of April 1957. On the other hand, the activities of the local telephone company, which is now more solvent than in many years because of a new financial setup, continued to cause problems and temporary suspensions of work. LITMUS was not run during the entire month and the Maurice HALPERIN phase was suspended after about a week's operation owing to the presence of telephone crews in the same block as the base house as well as at other points along the LITMUS segment of the net. It was observed

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that the telephone crew had the habit of putting a high ladder up to the roof of any house upon which they wished to work, whereas in the past it had been their custom to ring the doorbell, ask permission to go to the roof and do so through the house where they wished to work. This new custom brought about the need to study emergency procedures and redraw them. A limited experiment was made on one line with some success. This experiment consisted of leaving the hot stub of one line on the base roof as usual, but instead of leading it directly into the operations room, as previously, it was attached loosely to a lead-in made of softer wire of the type used for interior installations. In the moment of need, the base operator had merely to haul on the soft lead, which therewith parted from the outside wire. Upon reaching the roof, therefore, the telephone men found only a stub ending in random fashion. This emergency method is considered better than none but is satisfactory for no more than one line at a time. It is the further disadvantage in that the outside wire stub is "hot" and could be checked by the telephone crew who, as they have done in the past on a few occasions, might call the target on that hot stub to see where he was located. In general, the station continues to recommend that when telephone crews are working near a base or along its net, crosses should be pulled and the operation suspended till the crews have left the neighborhood. An exception was made in the Halperin case because it was hoped the line would shed light on LCMAYFOWL.

e. Technical: No technical problems were encountered in June 1957.

f. Personnel and Administrative: No problems of a personnel or administrative nature were noted.

g. Miscellaneous: LIFEAT Annex IV was rented early in June and is being readied for use on three to five targets during July. LIMERICK Annex II is still out of service owing to the absence of LICATION and the continuance of work in the zone by the telephone company. LIVERY is out of service owing to the retirement of LIMESTONES 1 and 2 from active duty on account of the alleged blackmail plot of April 1957. LIMERICK Annex III is out of service and will not be recommissioned. One of its LIMERICK target lines was changed over to LIMERICK main base on 28 June. The other two lines from Annex III should be installed at LIMERICK main base during July.

During June 1957 the following lines were monitored part or full time:

7 - LIMERICK office lines out of 8 existing. Two were suspended for some two weeks because of the telephone company activity in their zone.
2 - LITHOSPHERE lines
1 - LCMAYFOWL line
1 - Maurice HALPERIN line (for about a week only)

During June the following cables, HMMs and informational HMMAs were based entirely or in part on LIFEAT:

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MEXI 487	MEXI 592	HMM-2697	HMMA-7102
MEXI 498	MEXI 595	HMM-2698	HMMA-7147
MEXI 507	MEXI 601	HMM-2699	HMMA-7196
MEXI 523	MEXI 610	HMM-2700	HMMA-7204
MEXI 525	MEXI 618	HMM-2713	HMMA-7207
MEXI 528	MEXI 626	HMM-2719	HMMA-7232
MEXI 554	MEXI 625	HMM-2732	HMMA-7237
MEXI 563	MEXI 627	HMM-2734	HMMA-7259
MEXI 564	MEXI 628	HMM-2735	HMMA-7267
MEXI 565	MEXI 629	HMM-2736	HMMA-7281
MEXI 578	MEXI 634	HMM-2745	HMMA-7290
MEXI 579	MEXI 636	HMM-2746	HMMA-7300
MEXI 580	MEXI 657	HMM-2747	
MEXI 581	MEXI 659	HMM-2757	
MEXI 589	MEXI 662	HMM-2761	

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9 July 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: WH/3 Mexico

SUBJECT: Project LIFEAT

REFERENCE: Memorandum for Chief, EE/Czechoslovakia from Chief, WH, subject as above, dated 3 July 1957

The LIVERY phase of Project LIFEAT continues to provide considerable biographic data on the members of the Czech Legation in Mexico City, which EE/Czechoslovakia finds most useful in the evaluation of these individuals as possible targets for recruitment, either in Mexico City or upon their assignment to another overseas post. For this reason EE/Czechoslovakia is interested in seeing Project LIFEAT renewed.

PHILO DIBBLE
AC/EE/C

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9 July 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, WH

SUBJECT: Project LIFEAT/LITMUS

1. Reference is made to your memorandum of 3 July 1957 concerning the renewal of Project LIFEAT for the period 1 July 1957 through 30 June 1958. The LITMUS portion of this project is of primary interest to the Polish Branch, and as part of the increasing priority of KUBARK interest in Poland and Polish targets, it is strongly recommended that the project be continued.

2. This reaffirmation of our interest in LITMUS is based on the coverage it afforded up to December 1956 at which time the case officer/monitor handling LITMUS departed Mexico. This coverage was mainly of operational value in providing the following types of information:

(a) Indications of Legation plans to move which lead to the station's investigating the possibilities of installing microphones in strategic places which would have immeasurably improved our knowledge of Polish activities in Mexbo.

(b) Legation security practices which are useful in predicting or interpreting changes elsewhere.

(c) Repatriation effort which has been of interest in itself and is of potential value in determining what part of this effort is connected with the PIS activity in Mexico.

(d) Travel and other information concerning the TDY presence in Mexico of important PIS personalities which assists in the world wide coverage of these individuals.

(e) Some information about the PIS representatives assigned to the Legation.

(f) Confirmatory information concerning some basic aspects of developmental activities such as LIMETRIC.

(g) Biographic and personality information in varying degrees of completeness about each of the individuals

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assigned to the Legation and some indication as to their activities and contacts. This data is most useful in assisting in the assessment and selection of these individuals as potential recruitment targets.

(h) Positive intelligence concerning commercial, cultural/propaganda, and diplomatic activities of the Legation personnel. The fact that the disseminations have been relatively few, is due to the usual limitations inherent in this type of audio operation.

3. The method of reporting information from LITMUS (separate reports on Legation officials and on the various subjects of interest) has been extremely well done and most useful to EE/P in assessing any specific personality, or an operational situation. It is hoped that with this basic information from LITMUS now available in each case, the station will be able to put the operational leads to use. Our recommendation for the continuance of LITMUS is based on the assumption that KUBARK operations in Mexico against the Poles will now be aimed primarily at the clarification of the status of the PIS in Mexico, the recruitment of Polish officials within the Legation, and answering the basic question of what the Poles are doing in Mexico. It is believed that LITMUS is essential to the support of this effort.

4. As an example of our interest in Mexico and LITMUS, it is pointed out that a Satellite case officer from the EE Division is currently preparing to depart for Mexico. It is also planned that a Polish speaking contract agent, experienced in Polish operations including monitoring audio efforts, will be sent to Mexico in the near future to work on LITMUS and to assist this case officer.

PETER K. HEIMANN
Chief, EE/P

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3 July 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: CI/CPS

ATTENTION : Mr. Robert Brown

SUBJECT : Project LIFEAT

1. The WH/Mexico Desk is now in the process of requesting the annual renewal of Project LIFEAT for the period 1 July 1957 - 30 June 1958.

2. During the past year a considerable amount of operational and intelligence information from the LINAYFOWL phase of this project has been forwarded to your office. In view of the pending project renewal, it would be appreciated if you would forward to the WH/Mexico Desk at your earliest convenience a memorandum evaluating this project with regard to your area and sphere of interest.

for J. C. KING
Chief, WHD

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3 July 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, EE/Poland

SUBJECT : Project LIFEAT

1. The WH/Mexico Desk is now in the process of requesting the annual renewal of Project LIFEAT for the period 1 July 1957 - 30 June 1958.

2. During the past year a considerable amount of operational and intelligence information from the LIDRUG phase of this project has been forwarded to your office. In view of the pending project renewal, it would be appreciated if you would forward to the WH/Mexico Desk at your earliest convenience a memorandum evaluating this project with regard to your area and sphere of interest.

J. C. KING
Chief, WHD

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3 July 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, EE/Czechoslovakia

SUBJECT : Project LIFEAT

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Chief, WHD

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SUBJECT: (Optional)

FROM: WH/III/Mexico

NO.

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10. FI/OPS - Projects Branch ATTN: Miss Emma Paxson	2 JUL 1957	5 JUL 1957		Attachment being held by your office.
11. WH-Mexico				PROJECT ACTION RECEIVED FI/OPS/Projects Branch 2 July 1957
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15.				10 & 11 returned per conversation with Mr. Pep(?) Since this is not to be effective until August we will have to await project renewal

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MEMORANDUM FOR: FI/OPS - Projects Branch

SUBJECT : Amendment to Project LIFEAT

1. It is requested that Project LIFEAT be amended, effective 15 August 1957, to permit Daniel K. BROMUND (ps) to replace Lewis D. NICKLAS (ps).

2. BROMUND will monitor LIFEAT coverage and will process the resultant reels. He will be employed in translation and the preparation of reports based on this translation. He will also be employed in analysis of LIFEAT production and the preparation of special reports written on his analysis.

for J. C. KING
Chief, WHD

APPROVED: ______________________
Chief, FI/OPS

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DATE: 5 June 1957

FROM : Chief of Station, Mexico

SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational
SPECIFIC— Project Plan - LIFEAT

DESENSITIZED
per CSN 43-43

1. The attached Project Plan for LIFEAT is submitted for Headquarters approval and renewal.

2. It will be noted that the attached plan calls for an expansion in coverage and additional personnel.

Willard C. Curtis
WILLARD C. CURTIS

4 June 1957

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CRYPTONYM: LIFEAT FIELD CASE OFFICERS: Thomas [illegible]

Matthew S. DINGLEY

Harvey F. [illegible]

Not present

STATION: Mexico City CHIEF OF STATION: Willard C. CURTIS

1. The attached Field Project Outline is submitted for approval for the Fiscal Year 1958. In accordance with Field Instruction No. 236-1, 7(d), (dated 23 October 1953), the following information is submitted.

Product of the basic project

During the current fiscal year production from LIFEAT has been quite voluminous. The Soviet phase alone has accounted for some 6,000 pages of summary text and constitutes somewhat less than half the coverage yielded by the total project. The following general categories of information have been developed through LIFEAT and are cited below with a few examples of production(see references to specific reports and dispatches in the following paragraphs).

2. The Soviet Embassy

Information on the Soviet Embassy derived from LIFEAT has been voluminous and extensive reports have been furnished on the following matters:

a. Soviet Commercial Activities.

Reports such as HM-2498, 8 March 1957; HM-2054, 6 November 1956; and HM-1975, 19 October 1956 have conveyed a substantial amount of month-to-month detail concerning Soviet economic and commercial policy and actions in Mexico and to a lesser extent in adjacent areas. This information reflects the types of products the Soviets are selling or purchasing in the area, the names of their intermediaries, details on prices, manner of arranging deals, and manner of effecting shipments. This information was screened out and briefed from extensive and prolonged coverage of Soviet Embassy commercial traffic and appears to be fully authentic as well as rich in detail. Reference is also made to HM-2476, 1 March 1957(Tentative Deal for Ecuadorian Coffee); HM-1973, 18 October 1956(Mexican Exports to the USSR); and HM-1760, 18 October 1956(Sale of Soviet Ferrous Metal in the US) as examples of specific spot reports based on information derived from the same source. During the past year traffic concerning the Soviet commercial office in Mexico has increased a great deal and remains this Station's primary source on all such matters.

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b. Soviet Diplomatic Activities

Reference is made to HMM-2327, HMM-2395 and HMM-2465 as examples of the type of monthly reports now being submitted relative to the diplomatic activities of the Soviet Embassy. These reports, based almost entirely on LIFEAT, indicate some relationships the Soviets are developing with the Mexican Government, with other Latin American governments, and with other foreign diplomatic representatives. They also shed some light on the relations between the Soviets, Poles and Czechs in Mexico City, and even on the relationships between the Soviets and the Yugoslavs. Reports of this type show when the Soviets seem to be engaged in a drive to establish contacts in various departments of the Mexican Government and when they appear to be conducting a drive to cultivate Latin American diplomats. The reactions of both the Mexicans and the Latin Americans to these advances are often shown in the corresponding traffic. The Soviets, in general, do not seem to get a very good reception from the Latin Americans, but on the other hand, LIFEAT shows that they are well received by the diplomatic representatives of India and Indonesia. The diplomatic reports have also shown an improvement of relations with the Yugoslavs (which were non-existent for several years here). The traffic and reports further show that the Soviets, Poles and Czechs have frequent interchange and other join in days of sport or other entertainment.

c. Cultural and Propaganda Activities

HMM-2329, HMM-2377 and HMM-2460 are cited as examples of the monthly summaries of Soviet cultural activities based on LIFEAT materials. They reflect in detail Soviet activities in connection with publication, cultural institutes, travel of Mexicans to the USSR for cultural purposes, visits of Soviet cultural figures to Mexico and data concerning how their local arrangements are made. HMM-2326 is cited as an example of a separate report on the visit of some Soviet musicians to Mexico.

d. Contacts of the Soviet Embassy

HMM-2376 and HMM-2459 are examples of monthly summaries of contacts of the Soviet Embassy. These are of value in planning agent operations against the Soviets since they list various contacts known to be maintained by them. This type of report also lists the local and foreign Communists with whom the Soviets are in contact each month, together with a description of the nature of the contact when known.

e. Miscellaneous Activities of the Soviet Embassy

LIFEAT material relating to the Soviet Embassy, which does not fit into any general category, is set forth each month in a series of reports on miscellaneous activities. These reports include such random information

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as banking transactions, landscaping activities, evidences of internal construction, etc. Examples of this type of report are HM-2375 and HMN-2446.

f. Military Activities of the Soviet Embassy

HM-2391 and HM-2450 are examples of monthly reports of Soviet contacts with Mexican military circles and are derived almost entirely from LIFEAT. They reflect the identities of the local military figures with whom the Soviets maintain contact and in most cases contain at least some data on the reasons for the contact. These reports are of considerable interest to American service attaches in Mexico.

g. Goods and Services of the Soviet Embassy

HMM-2452 is an example of periodic reporting on the persons and institutions providing goods and services to the Soviet Embassy. These reports have been of particular interest in developing the LIMESA project and resulted in the making of a contact in the cleaning business through which this Station obtained entry for one of its agents into the Embassy. (Cf HMM-A-6872).

h. Personality Reports on Soviet Officials

HMMA-6851 is a sample of a series of personality reports on Soviet officers prepared mainly from LIFEAT materials. LIFEAT reflects varying amounts of information on the Soviets. Some are frequently heard and much data accumulated on their contacts, marital situations, official duties, etc. These data have been used on occasion for studying possible defection pitches and will probably be used more in the future. In the case of the current Soviet Naval Attache, Grigori KIKIFOROS, his habits were studied mainly through LIFEAT and note was made that his wife might be vulnerable because she was having amorous relations with one of her husband's subordinates. (MEXI 524; MEXI 495; MEXI 447).

i. Movements of Soviet Officials

The arrivals and departures of Soviet officials have more often been ascertained through LIFEAT than through any other source. The Station has been able to advise of movements out of Mexico through LIFEAT in almost every case where such travel took place in the past five(5) years. Frequently the Station has received notice of movement long before it took place by studying contacts of the Soviets with local clothiers, etc. since it has been the Soviet custom to stock up on clothing and various luxuries prior to leaving Mexico. The arrivals of many Soviets have been learned of only through LIFEAT, even in a number of cases when the Soviets travelled

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through the U.S. HMMA-853, 4 March 1957, is an example of this type of coverage. Notice of this arrival first appeared in the traffic on 26 February 1957. HMMA-6842 is referred to as an example of this Station's coverage of unusual Soviet "courier" travel, in part based on LIFEAT.

j. Various Spot Reports

HMM-2081, describing the Soviet Embassy reception of 7 November 1956, is cited as an example of numerous spot reports on Soviet Embassy activites on which information was obtained mainly or entirely through LIFEAT. These reports are also put out to cover the travel of Soviets in the country of Mexico(HMMA-907, travel of Pavel IATSKOV, Soviet Consul, to Nuevo Laredo on 11 March 1957).

3. Czech Legation

LIFEAT has provided considerable information on the Czech Legation during the past year. The information thus obtained is roughly parallel to that obtained on the Soviet Embassy, and periodic general summaries have been forwarded in HMM-1605, HMM-1632, HMM-1693, HMM-1997, HMM-1747, HMM-2349 and others.

a. Personnel data

Personnel data on staff members of the Czech Legation have been forwarded in such reports as HMM-1896, HMM-1959, HMM-2330 and others. This data has been of use not only in reflecting personality data, official functions and domestic matters pertaining to Czech staff members but also in planning defection approaches.

b. Spot Reports

From time to time spot reports on matters of especial interest in connection with the Czech Legation have been forwarded, among which reference is made to the following entirely or partially based on LIFEAT:

HMM-1779, Proposed Barter Transaction;
HMM-1814, Travel of Czech Commercial Representatives;
HMM-1935, Vera Marie PLASILOVA;
HMM-1977, Travel of Enrique CASTRO Garcia; and
HMM-1937, Czech Delegation to Geological Congress.

c. LIFEAT Coverage

During most of the year LIFEAT coverage of the Czech Legation was confined to the two phones in the main Legation building but early in 1957 one of the two lines of the Commercial Office was crossed and very high production received. It is projected that this basic coverage will be continued to the extent circumstances permit.

4. Polish Legation

By far the greatest amount of information derived on the Polish

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Legation in the past year, as well as every year since 1951, has been through LI[illegible]. As in the cases of the Soviets and Czechs, this information is generally forwarded in periodic general summaries, of which HMM-1547, HMM-1610, HMM-1619, HMM-1667, HMM-1787, HMM-2018 and HMM-2173 are cited as examples. Biographic information on Polish staff members has been forwarded in such reports as HMM-1886, HMM-18[illegible] and HMM-1929.

The following reports are cited as examples of spot reports on items believed to be of especial interest relating to the Polish Legation:

HMM-1744, Polish Legation Reception
HMM-1748, Polish Legation Contacts with Polish Delegates to Radiological Congress
HMM-2431, Polish Legation Contacts with Carlos Augusto LEON (Venezuelan Communist)
HMM-2532, Release of Rosendo GOMEZ Lorenzo and
HMMA5941, Juliusz KATZ-SUCHY.

5. Combined Reports

HMM-1789, entitled "Soviet Bloc Economic Penetration in Mexico" is an example of a report of a general nature based on LIFEAT coverage of Poles, Czechs and Soviets.

6. Counter-intelligence matters

Counter-intelligence matters constitute the major FI portions of this of this Station's related Mission Directive and LIFEAT has contributed more leads and general information on the Soviet aspect of this subject than all other Station sources combined. The following reports are cited as examples of many of this type of reports and information developed in this category:

a. HMM-1958, HMM-2286, describing contacts between Narciso BASSOLS, leading Mexican pro-Communist, and Viktor I. SOLOTOV, his Soviet case officer who appears in LIFEAT under the name of "LOPEZ."

b. HMM-2218, HMM-2262 and HMM-1336, dealing with the contacts between the leading Venezuelan Communist, Carlos Augusto LEON and his Soviet case officer, Boris P. KOLOMYAKOV. A comparison of readings from LIFEAT/LIERATICK with LIFEAT coverage on the Venezuelan Communist Party Officer Eduardo MACHADO Morales indicates that LEON is probably the intermediary between the Soviets and the Venezuelan exiles.

c. HMM-2420, setting forth arrangements for clandestine contact between Colonel Jesus de LEON Toral, of the Mexican General Staff College, with his Soviet case officer.

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d. HMM-A-4463, HMM-2232, HMM-2276, setting forth a lengthy series of contacts between "Frans" [illegible], an Ethiopian student in Mexico, and Boris P. KOLOMYAKOV, Soviet intelligence officer.

e. HMM-A-6744, which sets forth the history of the contacts between Heracio SANDOVAL, ODENVY agent, and Boris P. KOLOMYAKOV.

f. HMM-2270, setting forth contacts between Nikolay [illegible], Soviet intelligence officer, and Jesus LAZO [illegible], Mexican naval officer.

g. HMM-A-5416 and HMM-A-4216, which deal with the possible contacts of a Mexican parachutist named Edward Albert [illegible] with the Soviet Embassy and which possibly has some importance to counter-intelligence within the U.S.

h. HMM-A-5941, Juliusz KATZ-SUCHY (Polish Intelligence Matter), setting forth this subject's activities and contacts while in Mexico. This report was largely based on LIFEAT.

and i. Many others.

7. Double Agent Checking

During the past year, as in previous years, a number of this Station's double agents have been monitored through LIFEAT in contact with the Soviet Embassy, thus enabling the Station to verify certain portions of their reports and hence leading to a better chance to evaluate the agents. Among those heard in the past year were LIBEL R, LIBELER's son, LILEMONADE, LIMACE and LINSTOCK-1. In each case LIFEAT tended to confirm the Station's good opinion of the agent. On the other hand, several recent contacts former Station agent LIVESTOCK-3 and the Soviets indicate that LIVESTOCK-3 may be "playing" with the Soviets or endeavoring to do so.

8. LAURICLE

Reference is made to HMM-A-5923 (HMM-OR-843) which sets forth data on Soviet LAURICLE matters, derived mainly from LIFEAT. Personality data on LAURICLE figures, especially in the Polish and Czech establishments, has been accumulated and studied as a major Station objective.

9. Intentions and Activities of the Mexican Government

During the early part of 1957 LIFEAT enabled the Station to assess reports it was receiving from another source concerning the changing and hardening of the Mexican government's attitude towards foreign Communists. LIFEAT coverage of various individual targets gave solid information on the arrests of the foreign Communists Mario SOSA Navarro, Joaquin ORDOQUI,

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Jacobo [illegible] Zender and Chone S[illegible] and tended to confirm data on the same matters obtained from Station agent LI[illegible]-2. LIFEAT also added details which were not available to other Station sources, such as the names of the persons sought to help those imprisoned. For example, it was learned that the Venezuelan Communist leader Eduardo MACHADO Morales was the person who was holding the passport of Joaquin ORDOQUI at the time of his arrest, which fact, among others, makes MACHADO appear to be one of the most important foreign Communists in Mexico. Reference is made to the following reports which contain information of this general type: HMMA-6240 and HMMA-6242.

HMM-1769(p. 4) is cited as containing a seemingly reliable report to the effect that in 1956 the Mexican president told the editor of one of Mexico's leading newspapers that he should play down or omit anti-US articles and opinions.

10. Information on the Mexican Communist Party and Communist Fronts

During the past year considerable day to day detail was received from LIFEAT concerning the Mexican Communist Party and its fronts. The latter included the Circulo de Estudios Mexicanos(the intellectual author of which was covered in LIFEAT) and the Mexican Peace Movement, Society of Friends of China and various art fronts(through coverage of an officer of those movements.) This information was of value in supplementing agent coverage of those organizations and occasionally provided information unknown to the agents. (Cf HMM-1657 and HMM-2285)

11. American Communists in Mexico

One of the most extensive and productive coverages through LIFEAT in the past year was directed against American communists in Mexico. In this period several American targets were covered at the request of ODENVY and the production processed in part by them and in part by this Station. ODENVY assumed the task of reporting most of the information on these subjects but provided the station with carbon copies of their summaries of the pertinent reels and of the reports based thereon. The subjects thus covered for ODENVY were as follows, with a listing of the number of reels passed on each:

a. Noah SEBORER, possible American espionage agent for the Soviets (23 reels)
b. Frederich Vanderbilt FIELD, American Communist, and his wife, Anita Boyer FIELD(254 reels)
c. Asa ZATZ Dolinski, American Communist agent(65 reels.)

12. Of particular importance in the coverage by LIFEAT was the Alfred Kaufmann STERN // and Martha Dodd STERN case which was of particular interest not only to KUBARK but

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also to ODENVY. This case was a part of the Jack SOBLE espionage case; and LIENVOY coverage of the STERNs has been outstandingly excellent. In fact, the Station has had three(3) commendations from Headquarters on the LIENVOY coverage of this case and Edward F. SECHE had a personal commendation from ASSISTANT on his work(LIFEAT) on the case. Over ninety(90) reels have been produced by LIFEAT on the STERNs between 9 February and 27 May 1957. Another interesting facet of this coverage is that on 6 February(at 1530 hours) 1957 a cable from Headquarters asked that the Station attempt to institute LIFEAT coverage on the STERNs. At 1000 hours on 9 February 1957 LIFEAT coverage had been completed and was producing.

13. Miscellaneous Coverages

During the past year the following individual targets have been covered for periods of time varying from one month to a full year:

a. Aaron Jose PSZYSMA Margules, Jewish Communist leader. The coverage reflected the decline of the Jewish Communist movement and the relative inactivity of PSZYSMA and was suspended.

b. Noah SEBORER, American Communist. He and his wife work for a travel agency and their traffic has reflected many details concerning the movements of Americans in and out of Mexico, many of them Communists.

c. Samuel MAGIDIN Magidin, Jewish Communist leader. This coverage confirmed the decline of the local Jewish Communist movement and the final liquidation of its headquarters. It reflected the names of the few active members who continue to meet informally. It was of especial value in covering the arrest of Shone SHEINBAUM, member of the Jewish Communist group, and in covering the deportation of Jacobo HURWITZ Zender, known Communist agent. From this coverage details were learned concerning the names of the lawyers used by the defendants, together with a considerable view of the methods and secondary contacts.

d. Alfred K. (and Martha Dodd) STERN(see para 12), which was probably the most outstanding technical surveillance operation ever mounted by this Station and which is still continuing.

e. Eduardo MACHADO Morales, Venezuelan Communist. This coverage conveyed a host of details on the machinations and activities of the Venezuelan Communists in Mexico and to a lesser degree provided information on their contacts with the Soviets and Mexican Communists.

f. Xavier GUERRERO. This coverage contained considerable detail on the Communist party, Society of Friends of China, Peace Front and other organizations of which GUERRERO was a member. It also contained details of great interest on various Latin American Communists and Americans with whom the GUERREROs were in contact. Information derived from this line

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was used in inducing the Mexican Government to deport Mario SOSA Navarro and thus provided the Station with the means to test one of its more potent sources as well as check the accuracy of his progress reports.

g. Narciso BASSOLS: BASSOLS is a leading collaborator of the Soviets in Mexico. Coverage of his traffic showed him in contact with his Soviet case officer and gave details of interest on Mexican political matters and one important Communist front, the Circulo de Estudios Mexicanos, of which BASSOLS was the intellectual author though not a member.

h. Asa ZATZ Dolinski, American Communist mentioned above.

i. Headquarters of the Liga Popular Israelita, Jewish Communist front. This coverage reflected that the Liga was almost defunct.

j. Fernando Alberto MILIA, Argentine Naval Attache, who was covered briefly in connection with the proposed defection of a Soviet official with whom he was in contact.

14. Microphone Phase

LIFEAT Project also includes the LICOOL phase. Reference is made to HMMI 006 which describes a current LICOOL installation directed against a Soviet official.

15. Summary

In summary, LIFEAT constitutes one of Mexico City Station's chief assets; and it is the belief of COS Mexico that this operation (which is wholly KUBARK's and has no liaison or other service involved) is by far the best operation of its kind KUBARK has in the world.

a. Accomplishments

On a general average over the past year LIFEAT has consisted of twenty-two (22) to twenty-three (23) simultaneous coverages, each of 24 hours per day. The targets covered have included major coverage of all those which rank highest in the Station's RPD (Soviets, Poles and Czechs) as well as a large number of selected targets of opportunity. Approximately 15,000 pages of summary text have been obtained from the project. This information, though fragmentary at times and at times difficult to understand, is nevertheless documentary in nature. In detail, average coverage of the targets at the Station has been as follows:

Soviets	8 Lines	American Communists	3 lines
Czechs	2 lines	Remainder	8 lines.
Poles	2 lines		

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b. Planning for the Future

Current planning calls for the continuation of about 24 lines of coverage with bases and personnel being assembled to permit an increase to about 30 lines, local circumstances permitting. Basic coverage will be continued to the fullest extent possible on the Soviets, Poles and Czechs, which coverage of individual and targets of opportunity will be shifted so as to produce the greatest possible amounts of important information. At present it is believed that 30 lines is about the maximum the technical agents on this one operation can mount and protect properly. In order to get more coverage, the Station will likely establish (if Headquarters approves) a separate, independent LIFEAT-type operation, with new principals.

c. Performance of Agents

While in general the performance of the LIFEAT agents has been good in the past year, some of those connected with the group based on the family of former head agent James O. AYCALL have not been acting in a satisfactory manner. These are gradually being weeded out and new, more effective and fully compartmented base operators are being substituted for them. The Station's problem in this connection is difficult since it is hard to recruit persons who combine the following qualifications necessary for base house operations:

i) absolute discretion;
ii) willingness to cover the base 24 hours daily, year after year;
iii) suitable cover;
iiii) willingness to obey complex orders to the letter year after year;
and iiiii) willingness to live in a situation of constant potential danger.

d. Status of Approved Commitments

LIFEAT Project (as approved in HMM-W-3740) contains most of the elements which will be necessary in Fiscal 1958. The main difference that will be noted in the attached Field Project Outline is that costs will be higher and one more base house will be added to the current list.

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PROJECT OUTLINE

CRYPTONYM LIFEAT FIELD CASE OFFICERS Thomas J. URQUHART

1. Area of Operations Mexico City, Mexico

Matthew S. [illegible]

Harvey P. [illegible]

(Open)

CHIEF OF STATION Willard C. CURTIS

2. Purpose

To mount various types of technical surveillance operations, mainly telephonic, against the Soviet, Czech and Polish diplomatic missions in Mexico; against important contacts of those installations; and against leading Mexican and non-Mexican Communists and Communist sympathizers.

3. Background

This project was first approved 3 October 1950 and has been extended each year thereafter. Actual operations began 18 January 1951 and have been continuous, with small breaks for security or other operational reasons from that date. The project was last approved in HMM-W-3740, 19 November 1956.

LIFEAT has been run since its inception without liaison and no plans now exist to change this arrangement.

Over the past 6 years and 3 months LIFEAT has expanded from coverage of one(1) line to coverage of an average of about twenty-four(24) lines, each being covered 24 hours per day. In all, over 40,000 pages of documentary information on prime station targets has thus been obtained from this operation.

4. Reference

HMM-W-3740, 19 November 1956, contains the last renewal of this project.

a. This project has been one of the outstanding KUBARK operations in the world. Certain elements at Headquarters recognize this. Chief, SR/CE states to this Station during his visit in January 1957 that this was the only "LIFEAT-type" operation which was wholly KUBARK's and he said it was

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the best such operation. From knowledge COS Mexico has, it is known that (unless something has developed very recently) [illegible] is the best operation of its kind which KUBARK has.

b. Headquarters has stated:

i. In DIR-03198 of 18 Feb. 1957, "HQS commends Station prompt and effective coverage and handling this case";

ii. In DIR-09958 of 29 March 1957, "Good work";

iii. In DIR-11936 of 12 April 1957, "ODENVY and we(HQS) are most gratified by iniative and success your coverage".

All of these referred to LIFEAT coverages.

c. The Director has personally commended the Station officer for his work in one line's coverage in this operation; and has orally stated to COS, Mexico that this is an excellent operation.

5. Objectives

To carry out this Station's obligations in conformity with its Related Mission Directive, through technical surveillance operations. The product from this operation is coordinated with other Station operations, with especial attention to Soviet, Polish and Czech activities.

6. Targets

Primary targets covered in this operation are:

Soviet Embassy and residences of Soviet officials;
Czech Legation;
Polish Legation; and
Alfred Kaufmann (and Martha Dodd) STERN.

Secondary targets are:

Soviet, Polish and Czech agents;
Mexican and foreign Communists; and
American Communists.

7. Tasks

a. To maintain and operate existing project facilities and establishments;

b. To augment similar coverage when need or opportunity arises;

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c. To recruit, train and administer such agents as the project requires;

d. To issue such reports as are deemed necessary, based on material acquired from the project;

e. To coordinate information obtained from the project with other Station operations;

and f. To provide EURIOT with operational information and reports on experience obtained from the project.

8. Coordination

LIFEAT information is very closely coordinated with all other operations at this Station but does not require operational coordination with any other area. However, when the project yields information of interest to other areas, these areas are informed.

9. Personnel

It is intended that the following personnel will participate in the LIFEAT Project during Fiscal Year 1958:

a. Case Officers

Case Officer: Thomas J. URQUHART*
Case Officer for LICOOL phase: Matthew S. DINGLEY*
Case Officer, Czech Legation phase: Harvey F. DEMMHOLZ*
Case Officer, Polish Legation phase: to be named*
General asst. Case Officer: David H. WILSTED(U.S. citizen) - technical - contract agent(has own commercial firm which furnished his cover)
General Asst. Case Officer: Ralph FAFANELLI(U.S. Citizen) - commercial
General Asst. Case Officer: Arthur S. STOUCH* /unofficial cover/

* Denotes Diplomatic cover

b. Operations agents

1. LIEMPTER. Field Agent, Operational Clearance 739, dated 17 October 1950. He is an employee of Telefonos de Mexico, local telephone company, who provides the basic information necessary for running the project.

2. LIEMPTER-4. Field agent. Operational clearance 1412, 14 Aug. 1951. He is charged with aspects of the technical portion of the operation.

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3. LI[illegible]-2. Field agent. Operational Clearance 7452, 11 Dec. 1953. This agent works with LI[illegible]-1 and has similar duties.

4. LIMESTONE-1. Field agent, Operational Clearance 6799, 11 Sept. 1953. Base house operator.

5. LIMESTONE-2. Field agent. Operational Clearance 7347, dated 25 Nov. 1953. Asst. base house operator.

6. LIMESTONE-3. Field agent. Operational Clearance 7585, 28 Dec. 1953. Base house operator.

7. LIMESTONE-4. Field agent. Operational Clearance C-31989, 21 Oct. 1954. Base house operator.

8. LIMESTONE-5. Field agent. Operational Clearance C-32742, 21 March 1955. Asst. base house operator.

9. LIMESTONE-7. Field agent. Operational Clearance in H[illegible]-3265, 13 July 1956.

10. LIMESTONE-8. Field agent. Operational clearance in DIR-09743, 1 May 1956. Asst. base operator and processor of tapes.

11. LIMESTONE-9. Field agent. Operational Clearance C-50464, 24 Sept. 1956

12. LIMESTONE-10. Field agent. Operational Clearance C-50758, 24 Sept. 1956.

14. LIMITATION-3. Field agent. Operational Clearance 5970, 1 Oct. 1953. Asst. base operator and processor.

13. LIMITATION. Field agent. Operational Clearance 5977, 30 Sept. 1952. Base operator.

15. LIMITATION-7. Field agent. Operational Clearance C-50457, 13 Aug. 1956. Asst. base operator.

16. LIMITATION-5 and LIMITATION-6. Field agents. Operational clearance in H[illegible]-W-2800, 13 Jan. 1955, and HMM-W-1333, 19 Mar. 1954. To be used as base operator.

17. LIQUATION. Field agent. Operational Clearance 7495, 16 Dec. 1953. Has been base operator but may retire. However, he should be kept on the rolls until a definite decision is made.

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18. LIQUATION-1. Field [redacted] Operational Clearance forwarded in [illegible]-2252, 5 Oct. 1955. Base operator.

19. LIQUATION-2. Field agent. Operational Clearance C-50455, 21 August 1956. Base operator.

20. LIQUATION-3. Field agent. Operational Clearance C-54096, 19 January 1957. Asst. base operator and processor.

21. LIPSTICK-18. Field agent. Operational Clearance C-33182, dated 31 March 1955. Base operator.

22. LIPSTICK-35. Field agent. Operational Clearance C-50157, 6 August 1956. Asst. base operator.

23. LIPSTICK-37. Field agent. Operational Clearance C-50750, 13 Sept. 1956. Asst. base operator.

c. Processors of recorded tapes

24. Carol K. ZIMMEISTER, contract agent. Operational Clearance C-29842, 1 July 1954. Processes major portion of Soviet target material.

25. LILACE. Field agent. Clearance contained in [illegible]-1742, 15 Oct. 19[illegible] General processing.

26. Alice M. CAILLETEAU. Contract employee. Cleared in [illegible]-3051, 20 April 1956. ZOMAR processing.

27. Frances M. MENZIE. Contract agent. Cleared in [illegible]-2763, 28 December 1955. General processing.

28. Olivia GLANNON. Contract agent. Clearance by virtue of contract dated 1 January 1957. General processing and ZOMAR processing.

29. Unwitting assistant to LIEMATE for routine office work.

(NOTE: LIERIE[illegible] and LIERIFORT-1, who handle Czech language tapes, are included in the LILOGTROT Project. In addition to the above processors, assistant Case Officers STOUER and WILSTED also engage in processing. ODENVY's local office processes certain tapes from targets of primary interest to them. LIENSTONE-8 and LIQUATION-3 alternate assistant base operator duties with those of processing.)

Total personnel, part or full time on Project: 37.

NOTE: It is also expected that two(2) more processors, and one(1) additional technician will be added during Fiscal Year 1958.

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10. Operational Clearances

Cf Item 9.

11. Cover

a. Cover for the case officers noted in 9a, diplomatic or commercial (unofficial) see 9 a.

b. Set forth below is a discussion of the cover of the non-diplomatic personnel in the operation.

1. David [illegible]: Partner in small family-run machinery business. His Mexican documentation is complete and legitimate.

2. Ralph RAFANELLI: Fully documented employee of [illegible], who has in the past provided similar cover for undercover agents.

3. LIEWATER: His natural cover is of employee of the local telephone company, which he has been for a number of years.

4. LIEWATER-1: Enjoys natural cover as a telephone company employee.

5. LIEWATER-2: Enjoys natural cover as telephone employee.

6. LIMESTONE-1: She is an elderly person and hence can logically have income from family estate. Does not attract attention.

7. LIMESTONE-2: Brother of LIMESTONE-1 and resides with her. Is elderly and can pass as a poor relative and retainer.

8. LIMESTONE-3: Has been engaged in obtaining small government contracts and moves in and out of various government offices. Unfortunately his cover is not really good and steps must be taken to improve it if he is to remain in our employ.

9. LIMESTONE-4: Elderly woman who has had large business enterprises in the past and who does not need to explain her source of income for this reason.

10. LIMESTONE-5: Father-in-law of LIMESTONE-3 and ostensibly dependent on him.

11. LIMESTONE-7: Widow of James O. [illegible], who was widely regarded as a man of means. Hence she ostensibly lives on his estate. This woman has a tendency to live beyond her means, however, and is a cause for anxiety.

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12. LIMESTONE-8: Relative of LIMESTONE-4. They reside together. This agent is a widow and ostensibly lives on an inheritance.

13. LIMESTONE-9: Housewife.

14. LIMESTONE-10: Housewife.

15. LIMESTONE-11: Housewife.

16. LIMITATION: He is an architect and follows an almost full time career in that business while his relatives manage the LIMIT base.

17. LIMITATION-3: Very elderly retired person who formerly had a large business and whose income therefore is not open to question.

18. LIMITATION-7: Housewife.

19. LIMITATION-5: Accountant with a large firm. His wife (LIMITATION-6) handles most of the routine work he has done for the Station in the past.

20. LIQUATION: Businessman with office in the city. He spends a good deal of time on selling machinery while LIQUATION-2 and LIQUATION-3 mind the base.

21. LIQUATION-1: Has been out of town working on a contract. Previously was a student and had adequate cover for part-time work. When he returns to LIMEAT his cover will be similar to that of LIQUATION.

22. LIQUATION-2: Housewife.

23. LIQUATION-3: Elderly widow who resides part time with her children, hence not likely to arouse suspicion.

24. LIPSTICK-18: This agent's cover, that of plumber and electrician, is not satisfactory. It appears, however, that he may be put into another type of operation sometime this year.

25. LIPSTICK-35: Housewife.

26. LIPSTICK-37: Dependent relative of LIPSTICK-18.

27. Carol K. ZIMMEISTER: Housewife.

28. LILACE: Housewife

29. Alice K. CAILLETEAU: Housewife

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30. Frances M. [illegible]: Housewife.

31. Olivia A. HAR[illegible]: Retired woman residing with daughter and known to have independent income from retirement from former job.

12. Contact and Communication

Contact and communication between the case officers and the agents and undercover personnel in this operation is maintained in a clandestine manner in generally the same form as in previous years. Reference is made to HMMA-4503, 9 May 1956, for a general description of this system, which appears to have been successful.

13. Control and Motivation

Reference is made to HMMA-4503 under this heading.

14. Equipment and Other Support

It is believed that supplies of equipment for LIFEAT currently at the Station are sufficient to carry the operation through the calendar year 1957, but it is possible that simultaneous breakdown of quantities of the older equipment, dating from 1951 and in constant use since then, would necessitate the placing of separate orders for replacements.

15. Coordination

LIFEAT is coordinated with all other projects at this Station.

16. Timetable

LIFEAT has been in almost constant operation since its inception in January 1951 and it is planned to continue it indefinitely.

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17. Estimated Costs

The following costs are estimated for FY 1958. All figures are in U.S. dollars per year. It will be noted that owing to rises in the cost of living and especially to much higher rents and to intended expansions, LI... costs will be higher than in the past.

a. Salaries

1. Staff and Contract personnel:

Ralph S. RAFAELLI, GS-7			
	Salary	4,525.00	
	Quarters	2,000.00	
			6,525.00
David H. WILSTED			
	Salary	6,400.00	
	Quarters	2,200.00	
	Educ.All.	500.00	
			9,100.00
Unnamed LI...ICK processor(GS-12)			
	Salary	7,570.00	
	Quarters	2,200.00	
	PCS Travel	2,000.00	
			11,770.00
Unnamed LI...US translator			
	Salary	6,500.00	
	Quarters	2,000.00	
	PCS Travel	2,000.00	
			10,500.00
Carol K. ZI..SEISTER			
	Salary	5,400.00	5,400.00
Frances L. M...ZIE			
	Salary	2,504.00	2,504.00
Alice H. CAILLETEAU			
	Salary	2,425.00	2,425.00
Olivia H. GLADMON			
	Salary	3,880.00	3,880.00
Harvey C. H...ARD			
	Salary	10,320.00	
	Quarters	2,300.00	
	PCS Travel	2,000.00	
			14,620.00
			66,724.00

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2. Field agents

	Presently	Possible raise
LIMEWATER	5200.00	
LIMEWATER-1	2203.00	(at 2300, up 300)
LIMEWATER-2	1440.00	(at 1500, up 250)
LIMESTONE-1	1440.00	
LIMESTONE-2	576.00	
LIMESTONE-3	2208.00	(at 2300, up 300)
LIMESTONE-4	2208.00	(at 2300, up 300)
LIMESTONE-5	768.00	
LIMESTONE-7	1536.00	
LIMESTONE-8	1728.00	(at 1800, up 300)
LIMITATION	2112.00	(at 2200, up 400)
LIMITATION-3	1920.00	(at 2000, up 550)
LIMITATION-5 (not hired yet)		
LIQUATION	3840.00	(at 4000, up 1100)
LIQUATION-1	3840.00 (new deal)	
LIQUATION-3	768.00	
LIPSTICK-13	1728.00	(at 1800, up 200)
LILACE ($2.02 per hour, 120 hrs. per month)	2504.00	
LIMEWATER assistant	144.00	
Christmas bonus and presents (One month salary to each agent, in accordance local custom. Also special gifts in some cases)	3000.00	39,250.00

b. Base house rentals, utilities and expenses

LI[illegible]ICK base house	2050.00	
LITMUS base house	2000.00	
LIVERY base house	2000.00	
LIMOSPHERE base house	2000.00	
LIMAYFUL base house	1800.00	
Proposed base house	2900.00	
LIFEAT base shop	2000.00	
Proposed base house	2700.00	
Proposed base house	2800.00	
LICOOL-6 base	600.00	
Proposed LICOOL base	600.00	21,450.00

c. Equipment

Local purchase of emergency and special equipment	2,000.00	
New car - [illegible]ILSTED	3,500.00	
		5,500.00

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d. Miscellaneous

1. Supplies (paper rolls, wire, tubes, tape, pens, parts)	2,000.00	2,000.00
2. Transportation		
LIMERICK car rent	300.00	
David H. [illegible] Auto expense	340.00	
Carol K. ZIN[illegible] mileage	350.00	
LI[illegible]US base car rental	700.00	
LIV[illegible]Y base car rental	700.00	
LI[illegible]OSPH[illegible] base car rental	400.00	
(I.V. 2047)	1440.00	
Proposed base car rental	700.00	
		4,930.00

3. Other Operational Expenses

(To cover loss of deposits on rents, fatalities and other serious emergencies, separation payments, medical expenses, emergency moving bills; and to cover targets of opportunity)	20,000.00
Grand Total	159,854.00

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MEMORANDUM FOR: FI/CPS - Projects Branch

SUBJECT : Amendment to Project LIFEAT

1. It is requested that Project LIFEAT be amended to include the purchase of a LIFEAT/LIMERICK basehouse in the amount of $20,000. The lease on the present LIFEAT/LIMERICK base expires in April.

2. The LIFEAT/LIMERICK base is the principal base of operations covering Mexico City's number one priority targets. The location of this base must be moved since the lease on the present base cannot be renewed. Furthermore, a decision has been reached whereby new operational techniques will be initiated which will necessitate round-the-clock operations in the base by station cleared personnel in order to satisfactorily cover the targets. This will undoubtedly necessitate the acquisition of a more securely controlled base of operations. The station does not believe such a base can be acquired other than by purchasing the property indicated. However, every effort will be made to lease this property providing leasing arrangements can be made to meet the security requirements of the operation.

3. At present additional funds are not needed in the LIFEAT Project to cover the purchase of a new basehouse. Should more funds be needed before the project expires, they will be requested at a later date.

J. C. KING
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APPROVED: ______________________
CHIEF, FI/CPS

JOSEPH R. GROVES

APPROVED: ______________________
D/ DIRECTOR, LOGISTICS